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Tudela named Saipan mayor

Following the untimely death of Saipan Mayor Donald Glenn P. Flores, Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela yesterday to serve as mayor of Saipan for the remainder of Flores' unexpired term. Tudela was the unsuccessful candidate who received the largest number of votes in the 2009 general election.

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Tudela

Prudencio T. Manglona, 80

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Prudencio Taisacan "Tun Dencho" Manglona, 80, passed away yesterday at 5:51am after battling cancer for over a year. The long-time former Rota mayor and family patriarch was surrounded by his family at the Commonwealth Health Center when he took his last breath.

He is predeceased by his first wife Bernadita and is survived by his spouse Virgie, and his children Vincent A. Manglona, Paul A. Manglona, John A. Manglona, Charles A. Manglona, Priscilla M. Torres, Prudencio A. Manglona Jr., Thomas Lee A. Manglona, his 34 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

His oldest grandson, Dean, told *Saipan Tribune* that the family is deeply saddened by the loss of their grandfather. "But his legacy will still live on, with us



Manglona

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3 minors arrested for vandalizing KagES

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Three juveniles have been apprehended and are now in custody for allegedly vandalizing Kagman Elementary School.

According to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, the three are being detained at the juvenile detention facility in Kagman and have been charged with burglary, theft, and criminal mischief.

Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* that the

alleged "vandals" were apprehended last week.

Deleon Guerrero confirmed this, saying the minors were arrested Thursday last week, May 29, based on arrest warrants issued by Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho. Their bail was set at \$20,000 cash each.

In a later statement, DPS said the suspects are students of ChaCha Ocean View Junior High School and are residing in Kagman.

According to Deleon Guerrero, he already told KagES principal Ruth

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AGRICULTURE FAIR

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The Municipality of Tinian and Aguijan recently held their own version of the Agriculture Fair at the island's Natibu Park, with many entries of cattle, fruits and vegetables, and other agricultural products. The occasion was attended by Tinian Mayor Ramon C. Dela Cruz and Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart, among other dignitaries.



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Local

\$1.1M project funds diverted for CUC's fuel purchase

Officials of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp said the reliability of its services is now in doubt if its cash-flow problems are not addressed soon.

CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher and outgoing chief financial officer Charles Warren said they have recently been forced to divert and reprogram \$1.149 million for fuel purchases to sustain the daily fuel needs of its power plants.

Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that CUC reprogrammed \$359,000 for fuel purchase last May 27. Before this, another \$300,000 was transferred for the same purpose on May 20.

Two other transactions for fuel buys were made on May 1 (\$100,000) and May 6 (\$225,000). Last March 20, CUC reprogrammed \$165,000 for fuel.

"Yes, we have deprogrammed \$1.149 million from various procurements in order to buy fuel," Warren confirmed with *Saipan Tribune*.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher disclosed at last week's board meeting that CUC has a number of procurements, for which \$1.813 million has already been set aside. Due to serious cash-flow problems, however, CUC was forced to tap \$1.149 million from this ob-

ligated amount to procure fuel. After the last transfer on May 27, only \$664,318 was left on the account.

These impacted eight procurements include salary administration (\$161,802); warehouse rehabilitation (\$210,105); transmission and distribution of typhoon supplies (\$864,000); laboratory repairs (\$50,000); T&D's meter testing vehicle allocation (\$24,058); Power Plant 4 Apec project (\$107,949); Nighthawk Meter Retrofit (\$143,250); and other planned projects (\$252,154).

When asked what will now happen to these impacted procurements, Warren told *Saipan Tribune* that "projects will be continued as cash flow permits."

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Both Fletcher and Warren separately warned that some funds for stipulated order projects would also most likely be tapped for fuel buys. This would mean the deferral and delays in SO projects and requirements.

Warren said CUC will go to the court on this plan.

"The SO funds referred to are not grant monies, but CUC funds set aside for SO projects. We do not know if non-SO use by CUC will be allowed by the federal court," said Warren.

As of April 31, 2014, CUC is recording an average of about \$7.6 million per month

in receipts and expenditures for operating activities, Warren said. For capital items and debt service, CUC has spent about \$900,000 more than it has received from collections.

CUC operates three power plants, which have oil-fueled diesel engines. Procurement of fuel is biweekly and costs around \$1.2 million. Each year, CUC spend about \$60 million to \$65 million on fuel alone.

Current load

At present, CUC has what it describes as "adequate" power

New CUC deputy chief backs out

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s search for a deputy executive director is back to square one after the chosen candidate backed out for unclear reasons.

CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the selected contender from off-island withdrew his application.

The position is mandated by federal stipulated orders. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gives the final approval on who would be hired.

As of a result of this development, Fletcher said CUC recently asked to be given more time to recruit one as they have been unable to find a suitable candidate.

Saipan Tribune learned that CUC began the nationwide search for applicants to fill the vacant deputy executive director position in the summer of 2013. After a review of 48 applicants and six interviews, CUC submitted the four final candidates to EPA for review and approval.

Of the four, Fletcher revealed that EPA did not comment on one applicant, rejected two contenders, and approved one candidate as meeting the required qualifications.

The approved candidate, however, later withdrew his application from consideration. As a result, the position is again being advertised.

Fletcher said he doesn't know why the chosen candidate with-

production for all its customers.

Fletcher disclosed that on Saipan, current power generation is 45.9 megawatts; Rota, 5.2MW; and Tinian, 20MW.

Saipan Tribune learned that most power production on Saipan is sourced from CUC's Power Plant 1. Repairs, maintenance, and rehabilitation are required in other power plants.

Fletcher admitted that even short-term maintenance needs are being hampered by the lack of cash while repairs and supplies are mostly deferred for the same reason.

CUC relies heavily on the revenue it collects from ratepayers. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

Man gets 57 months for illegal possession of firearms, bullets

Jesus Sablan Palacios was recently sentenced in the U.S. District Court to 57 months imprisonment for the offense of felon in possession of firearms and ammunition. After serving his sentence, Palacios will be placed on supervised release for five years.

On April 11, 2013, special agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Public Safety Officers executed a search warrant on Palacios' residence in San Antonio and recovered a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, a modified .22 caliber semi-auto-

matic rifle, along with several rounds of ammunition hidden beneath the floor of his bedroom. Palacios was indicted in August 2013 and was convicted after a jury trial in December 2013 for being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

The case originated with DPS and was subsequently investigated jointly by DPS, DEA, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Rami Badawy and Ross K. Naughton. (*USAO*)

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CHCC board seeks clarification from Medicare

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Worried that a recent resolution would negatively impact the upcoming recertification of the Commonwealth Health Center, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees sent a letter to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to seek clarification.

CHCC board chair Joaquin

Torres wrote Rufus Arther, CMS director for hospital and community care operations, clarifying the content and intent of Board Resolution 2014-02 that deals with credentialing of staff.

Torres stated that majority of board members had requested that he seek clarification about CMS' concerns over the resolution, a copy of which was provided to Arther.

"Please allow me to state at the outset that it has never been our intention to violate any of the Conditions of Participation or take any action that would in any way jeopardize Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s recertification and the renewal of the Provider's Agreement," stated Torres' May 26 letter. "You will agree, I am sure, after reading the resolution that the main focus of the board when

it adopted the resolution was the grant of 'due process' to Dr. [Grant] Walker."

According to Torres' letter, Walker was denied due process when he was terminated in violation of the due process and equal protection clauses of the U.S. and CNMI Constitutions. He said that CHCC's Medical Staff bylaws was also violated.

"Board Resolution No. 2014-02A would not have been con-

sidered by the board had the governing body complied with applicable provisions of the CNMI Constitution, laws, and CHCC Medical Staff bylaws. The board has never attempted to influence or interfere with the credentialing of medical staff; we simply want the governing body to comply with the Constitution, laws, and CHCC Medical Staff bylaws," Torres pointed out.

Torres added in the letter that "it would be extremely helpful if you could explain

to us how Board Resolution 2014-02A violates the CMS Conditions of Participation and how this violation could jeopardize recertification so that we can take immediate corrective action."

Torres confirmed yesterday that they have yet to obtain a response from the CMS official.

BR 2014-02 requests the CEO to issue within 10 days a 90-day medical privilege to Walker or show cause why the physician should not be granted the privilege.

'Federal preemption prevents Labor from enforcing CNMI immigration related laws'

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The Department of Labor cannot sanction employers for, among other things, not filing a "declaration" with Labor's Citizen Job Placement Section because federal preemption prevents the enforcement of Commonwealth immigration related laws and regulations.

"Under the concept of federal preemption, a state generally cannot enforce additional or auxiliary regulations relating to the employment of aliens, the registration of aliens, etc.," veteran lawyer Steven Pixley told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said states are generally precluded from regulating conduct in a field that Congress has determined must be regulated by its exclusive governance.

Immigration is one of those areas, Pixley said.

He pointed out that the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008—which federalized the immigration system in the CNMI—expressly provided that the Commonwealth's immigration laws would be preempted by the new application of the federal immigration laws to the Commonwealth.

Pixley cited that the U.S. Supreme Court has held that the U.S. government has broad power over the subject of immigration and the status of aliens.

Pixley said this authority rests, in part, on the national government's constitutional power to "establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization" and its inherent power as sovereign to control and conduct relations with foreign nations.

Here, the U.S. government has taken control over immigration and enacted comprehensive regulations governing the employment of non-U.S. citizens in the CNMI.

Labor administrative hearing officer Jerry Cody had cleared Kanoa Resort Saipan from a labor complaint of a U.S. citizen job applicant who alleged that the hotel rejected his application for the position of maintenance manager without just cause.

In his administrative order, Cody ruled that the job applicant failed to meet his burden of establishing that he was qualified for the position.

In its determination, Labor found that the job applicant was not qualified for the position and determined that there was no violation.

Labor, however, determined

that Kanoa Resort violated Employment Rules and Regulations with respect to "declaration" requirements and asked that the hotel be sanctioned in the amount of \$2,000.

Labor rules require an employer to file a "declaration" (i.e. online response) with the Citizen Job Placement Section within 14 days after publication of a job announcement on Labor's website. This requirement is met if the employer posts a timely, short response on the website, explaining the action taken on each applicant who posted a response to the job vacancy, and the reasons why that person was not hired for the position.

In that case, Pixley, as counsel for Kanoa Resort, filed a motion to dismiss the case based on the federal preemption contention.

The federal preemption issue

was not touched in Cody's order, citing that Pixley stated that if Kanoa Resort prevailed on the merits of the case, it would dismiss its motion to dismiss or consider it moot.

In the footnote of his order, Cody said as Kanoa Resort has now prevailed, he shall consider the hotel's motion to dismiss withdrawn.

As to the legal argument that was raised in the motion to dismiss, Cody noted that he previously addressed this legal issue in another Labor case based on the same statute.

In the motion to dismiss, Pixley said the power to regulate immigration is unquestionably exclusively a federal power.

"Where the federal government has enacted a complete scheme of regulations and has therein provided a standard for registration of aliens, states cannot, inconsistently with the purpose of Congress conflict or interfere with, curtail or complement, the federal law, or enforce additional or auxiliary regulations," he said, citing previous court rulings.

Indeed, Pixley said, the federal government has enacted extensive regulations regarding the CW-1 immigration designation as well as the employment of aliens in the Commonwealth.

"The Department of Labor's enforcement of auxiliary laws and regulations cannot withstand preemption scrutiny," Pixley pointed out.

The lawyer said that, on March 22, 2010, Public Law 17-1 was enacted and that this Act was designated the "Immigration Conformity Act of 2010."

Pixley said this act repealed certain sections of the Commonwealth Code dealing with immigration functions, and for other purposes.

Pixley said this act, however, among other things, retained CNMI control over immigration matters.

For example, he said, this act requires all aliens to register with Labor and imposed criminal sanctions on aliens who failed to register.

Pixley said Labor recently promulgated regulations to ensure strict compliance of labor laws and regulations. These regulations control the employment of persons who are not U.S. citizens residing in the CNMI.

Among other things, he said, these regulations empower Labor to sanction private employers who do not hire U.S. citizens.

Pixley said the U.S. government "has broad, undoubted power over the subject of immigration and the status of aliens."

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Calvo of the arrest of the three juveniles early yesterday morning.

In a separate interview, Calvo said she just wants to "make sure that justice is done, not just for the school but for the community that was affected by all of this."

"Whatever happens, justice has to be done for the community at large because it's their school," Calvo said.

Kagman Elementary School was last vandalized on May 5, 2014. In that incident, "they broke into the cafeteria and messed everything up pretty good," Calvo said.

Calvo said that industrial cleaning materials—Clorox, Pine Sol, wax, and other sanitation products—were dumped on the floor and tables of the cafeteria.

"They even took milk and juices and slashed them with a knife and spilled them all over the cafeteria. Those are com-

modities that our children could have used," Calvo said.

KagES first fell victim to unidentified vandals on March 22, 2014, damaging potted plants and water faucets and littering the campus hallways. The second incident happened on April 2, causing further harm to the campus.

According to her, the vandals tore down posters in front of classroom doors, tore down plants, used mud to "decorate" the ceilings and floors, and left bathroom faucets

turned on all night.

"To prevent us from saving up water, they actually broke the pipe last time. This time around they broke two pipes," Calvo said.

This led to the school shutting down their water supply just so they could save water. Calvo said that Kagman High School sent their maintenance staff to help fix the pipes.

She said the culprits were close to vandalizing the school's only stage but somebody saw them and they ran off.

was strong and that we prayed for everyone every day."

"The Manglona family is grateful to Pale Isaac Ayuyu, the Rota Health Center and Commonwealth Health Center staff, nurses, and doctors for their patience and care for our dad during his illness and the numerous friends and family who stood by his side," said Priscilla Manglona Torres.

The former mayor just celebrated his 80th birthday on May 27 and received a commemorative resolution presented by CNMI senators. According to the resolution, which was presented at Manglona's hospital room, he showed "exemplary innovative and progressive leadership in public service, community building, and economic development."

Manglona's career in public service as a mayor for 16 years lasted from 1978 to 1994. He also served as the Marianas District Administrator represen-

tative during the U.S. Trust Territory period from 1956 to 1974 and Resident Commissioner's representative from 1974 to 1977. The former mayor was also instrumental in the uptick of tourists to the southern island and the improvement of prime tourist destinations. He was also one of the founding fathers of the CNMI Constitution.

Saipan Tribune learned from Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola that a municipal tribute will be held for Manglona.

Starting today at 6am, a Eucharistic Mass will be held at the Garapan Kristo Rai Church and Rota's San Francisco de Borja Church. Daily rosary is at 7pm at Kristo Rai until Manglona's body is flown to Rota for funeral services. The daily rosary will commence on Rota simultaneously.

A public viewing will be held at Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa on Monday, June 9, 2014, from 10am to 12pm.

MANGLONA

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and our community" he said. "He was a very selfless man as evident by his many years of service to the community. We will miss him dearly, but he will always have a special place in our hearts and minds."

Upon learning of Manglona's passing, Gov. Eloy S. Inos issued a statement, saying he and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are extending their condolences to Manglona's family.

"Manglona served our islands in numerous capacities... He truly displayed what it means to be a productive and respected leader. Through his devotion to his faith and family values, Mayor Manglona was a loving husband to the late Bernadita Atalig Manglona and an exemplary father to his children and grandchildren. We owe a debt of gratitude and a great deal of

respect to them for their support and love they gave during his years in public service. The death of former mayor Manglona is a deep loss for Rota and most especially, the Commonwealth. He will be deeply missed by many."

According to a grandchild, Nicole Manglona Torres, Manglona was a man who valued education.

"From a young age, our grandfather instilled in his grandchildren and the CNMI community the importance of education. He believed that education was key to moving the CNMI community forward. He will always be remembered for his dedication to the youth and education," she said.

Another grandchild, Donovan, said his grandfather always emphasized the importance of faith. "He would constantly ask us to accompany him on his daily afternoon visits to the Santa Lourdes chapel on Rota. He made sure our faith

TUDELA

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The newly appointed mayor is currently in the U.S. mainland, but in a phone conversation with Inos yesterday, she accepted the opportunity to serve out the unexpired term of the mayor of Saipan. She has informed the Office of the Governor that she is expected to arrive on Saipan on or before Sunday. Tudela's term will begin once she takes the oath of office.

In the meantime, following consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, Ramon B. Camacho, who is chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, shall continue serving as the acting mayor until Tudela is sworn into office.

First, the OAG clarified, pursuant to 1 CMC Section 6502(e), "[i]f there is a vacancy in the office of mayor and less than one-half of the term remains from the date of the vacancy, ... the presiding officer of the Municipal Council shall be

acting mayor."

Thus, under this provision, the presiding officer shall continue in his capacity as the acting mayor until the vacancy is filled.

Second, pursuant to 1 CMC Section 5103(a), "[i]f a vacancy should arise in any office of the mayor, and less than half of the term of the mayor remains, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing the unsuccessful candidate for that mayor's office from the previous election, who received the largest number of votes and is now still willing to serve as mayor of that island or islands."

Thus, under this provision, the governor shall appoint the unsuccessful candidate from the previous election who had the most votes to fill the office of the mayor. When the governor appoints the person to fill the office of the mayor, and that individual is duly sworn in to office, the presiding officer will no longer serve as "acting mayor" under section 6502(e) as there will no longer be a vacancy. (*Office of the Governor*)

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Open competitive bid out for CUC rate consultant

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REPORTER

To ensure the best rate services for its customers, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is holding an open procurement for utility rate and financial consulting

services.

The contract of its current rate consultant, economists.com, is expiring on July 18.

CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that a request for proposal has been running in the

last few weeks. Procurement closes on June 13.

Economists.com has been CUC's rate consultant since 2006. Its soon-to-expire contract with CUC amounts to \$349,000.

"The evaluation and ranking of proposers will be based on

the firm's experience, qualifications, and capacities, professional personnel, references, and cost," said Fletcher of the criteria for the competitive bid.

Some lawmakers recently expressed dissatisfaction with economists.com's performance and have urged CUC not to renew the company's contract.

Fletcher refused to comment when asked if CUC received a specific request from lawmakers and if CUC is satisfied with the consultant's performance.

"Inasmuch as we are currently in the process of an open and

competitive procurement, there is no further comment," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Since the revival of the CUC board of directors, all contracts and agreements for various services, including professional agreements, will now go through the board for review and approval. The stated objective is to make sure that all services to be sourced from outside the agency are cost-effective and efficient.

The board recently approved the execution of a six-year fuel contract with Mobil Oil.

Saipan Tribune learned of seven other "expiring" contracts for various services at CUC, including that of economists.com.

The others are the \$600,000 contract with Island Equipment Co., which supplies chlorine gas and whose contact expires on Aug. 10, 2014; the \$482,000 contract with Marianas Repair, which provides the maintenance of the utility's fleet and is expiring on Nov. 17, 2014; the \$225,000 contract with the Law Offices of Deborah Fisher; the \$105,000 contract with Joeten Motors Co. that expires this November; and the \$100,000 contract with Gresco Environmental; among others.

Man, 61, arrested for stabbing another

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A man was wounded when a 61-year-old man allegedly challenged him and two other men to a fight and later stabbed him in the abdomen with a three-inch long knife at the Dandan baseball field Sunday afternoon.

Darwin Masaharu was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center for a two-inch deep puncture wound on the right side of his abdomen. X-ray revealed that no internal organs were affected, police said.

The suspect, Marino T. Aldan, was arrested and taken to Superior Court yesterday morning for a bail hearing on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio granted assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda's request that the original bail of \$5,250 cash be increased to \$15,000 cash.

Kim-Tenorio, however, allowed Aldan to post only 10 percent or \$1,500 cash and un-

secured bond plus a third-party custodian for his temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 12 at 9am.

Police detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that victim Masaharu had been drinking with James Miwata and Victor Ngiraswei at the Dandan baseball field Sunday afternoon when Aldan approached them and challenged them to a fight.

Aldan was allegedly persistent in his challenge, prompting Ngiraswei to punch him twice in the face.

Aldan's son, Lewis, walked up to Ngiraswei and allegedly punched him in the face using a brass knuckle. The punch caused lacerations just beside Ngiraswei's right eye.

Masaharu intervened and tried to subdue Lewis, triggering a struggle.

During the police's interview at CHC, Masaharu stated that

'People Survey' to touch on people's daily lives

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Best Sunshine Ltd.'s "People's Survey" will touch on many aspects of local people's daily lives such as education, utilities, employment, medical care, pension, and others.

Best Sunshine chief operating officer Terence Tay, in a news briefing held on June 2 at Northern Marianas College, said the first part of the survey is expected to be conducted across two days.

"We will conduct face-to-face quantitative and qualitative surveys with a large sample of the community," Tay said.

Best Sunshine said it will uphold openness and fairness in the survey.

The total sample size will be about 500, based on a random sampling method that will cover people of various age groups, income classes, and occupations from every district on Saipan.

"Therefore every adult will have an opportunity to be selected for the survey," Tay said.

The design of the questionnaire will be based on initial contact interviews with people.

"Through listening to their

he approached Lewis after the altercation and advised him to apologize to Ngiraswei for punching him.

While talking to Lewis, who was inside his vehicle, Masaharu felt a sharp pain on the right side of his abdomen. Masaharu turned around and saw Aldan putting a knife inside his pocket and acting as if nothing happened.

Masaharu was later brought by an ambulance to CHC.

Miwata told police that he tried break up the fight and grabbed the knife that Aldan was holding and threw it in the jungle area. Miwata later discovered that Masaharu had been stabbed. Aldan was then arrested.

Manacop said that during an interview at the Department of Corrections, Aldan admitted to stabbing Masaharu using a knife that he used to cut his betel nut. Police recovered the knife at the scene.

views and exploring their needs and expectations, the structured questionnaire will be finalized in accordance with their concerns," Tay said.

According to a Best Sunshine statement, the survey will address three major aspects: (1) the degree of people's satisfaction with the current situation, (2) the improvements that are required, and (3) expectation for the future.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart said that other things that they would have to look at is bringing in other institutions from around the world for collaboration to enhance local capability.

"With our involvement with the [Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education], we have the opportunity to partner up with 250 other institutions that are part of WICHE, which will give us a great opportunity to look at utilizing their degrees and programs trying to get an educated workforce," Hart said.

"I think people here will benefit from that because they will get knowledge from other places that they would not have the opportunity to experience," Tay said.



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Suit vs federal officials for denial of CW-1 permit dismissed

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Finding attorney Stephen C. Woodruff's excuses not credible, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has dismissed a lawsuit he filed on behalf of a private company and a mother of twin U.S. citizen girls born on Saipan against federal officials for denying a petition for CW-1 permit and request for parole-in-place.

In an order on Friday, Manglona denied Woodruff's request to extend time for him to serve the complaint of his clients, KB Enterprises Inc. and Lucelle Mancia Lampera.

Manglona dismissed the complaint without prejudice and directed the court's clerk to close the case. Dismissed without prejudice means the plaintiff is allowed to refile a new suit on the same claim in the future.

The judge said Woodruff failed to explain why it was not "feasible" to ask for an extension in this matter before the deadline had passed.

"A routine motion for an extension doesn't require legal research or take more than an hour to write and file," Manglona said.

In the lawsuit filed last Jan. 17, KB Enterprises and Lampera sued former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services California Center director Kathy A. Baran, and USCIS Field Office director Stephen P. Green.

In the complaint, Woodruff asked the court to issue a judgment declaring that the grant of parole status to Lampera

under the Nov. 23, 2011, USCIS policy for parole of immediate relatives of U.S. citizens in the CNMI is not barred by Lampera's prior CW-1 status.

Woodruff asked the court to issue a judgment declaring that the grant of parole status to alien immediate relatives of U.S. citizens is not precluded by a prior admission of such aliens. He said this preclusion is inconsistent with the declared objectives of U.S. Congress for the transition to federal immigration control in the CNMI.

The lawyer also asked the court to issue a declaratory judgment that the lawful presence requirement of the statute is not authorized by the Consolidated Natural Resources Act (federalization law) and is contrary to the congressionally-mandated performance standards for the transition period and is therefore invalid and unenforceable.

On May 21, 2014, Manglona gave the plaintiffs notice of the court's intent to dismiss the case for failure to serve the complaint within the 120 days required in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In that order, Manglona noted that plaintiffs had not yet even asked the court's clerk to issue summonses.

On May 27, 2014, Woodruff asked the court to give him until July 15, 2014, to serve the complaint on the defendants.

Woodruff said that after the complaint was filed, he learned that Napolitano was no longer Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and there was a need to amend the complaint to replace Napol-

tano with DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson.

Woodruff also stated that there's a possibility to add more defendants and potentially to further refine the complaint and relief requested.

"Since I had determined that an amended complaint should be filed, I believed serving defendants immediately with a complaint I had already concluded should be amended would be a disservice to defendants and contribute nothing to fair and efficient prosecution of the case, I decided to hold off on serving the defendants until a first amended complaint could be prepared and filed," he said.

Woodruff is shown in a photo.

In her order, Manglona said all defendants are being sued in their official capacities as federal officials. Manglona said the real party in interest is the United States and that it makes little difference if the names of the office holders change.

The judge said when suing a public officer in an official capacity, plaintiff need not give the officer's name but may designate the officer by official title only.

"It is hard to see how the United States, or any defendant for that matter, would appreciate not knowing it is being sued until months after the lawsuit was initiated," Manglona said.

Manglona said pressing

deadlines in other matters are exactly the reason that diligent attorneys file timely motions for extensions.

According to the complaint, Lampera first came to the CNMI as a nonresident worker under CNMI law in 1997. In 2001, at the end of her employment, she returned to the Philippines. In 2004, she came back to the CNMI as a visitor, continuing as a student, and finally again as a nonresident worker.

On Aug. 14, 2000, while legally employed in the CNMI, Lampera gave birth to twin U.S. citizen girls. The daughters presently live with her in the CNMI, where she is raising them as a single parent.

Woodruff said KB Enterprises offered a job to Lam-

pera and filed a CW-1 petition on June 12, 2013, a mere 41 days after the expiration date of her original I-94 (record of admission).

Woodruff said that, on Oct. 3, 2013, Baran denied the CW-1 petition on the ground that Lampera failed to satisfy the lawful presence requirement.

On Nov. 1, 2013, Green denied Lampera's request for parole-in-place on the ground that she was ineligible on account of her prior admission to CW-1 status.

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Coast Guard, Palau hold joint exercises

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard and Republic of Palau participated in an exercise to jointly develop guidelines for cooperation and evaluate Palau's use of their patrol boat in support of search and rescue May 19.

The exercise served to formalize the process for communications and deployment of assets from state, local and federal levels as well as to evaluate coordination and operating procedures. The 110-foot Coast Guard Cutter Washington and representatives from Coast Guard Sector Guam were in Palau to participate with the exercise.

This exercise is an annual engagement to improve cooperation and processes between the Coast Guard and Palau.

The scenario was a downed small aircraft between Palau and Yap, an island in the Federated States of Micronesia. Cutter Washington and Pacific

Patrol Boat *Remeliik* were on-scene during the exercise coordinating rescue efforts. Coast Guard ship riders aboard the *Remeliik* taught Palauan officials how to plot assets and conduct a standardized expanding square search.

"Crews from both *Washington* and Palau's Pacific Patrol Boat *Remeliik* really came together during this exercise to jointly develop and evaluate a cooperative plan for conducting search and rescue in Palau's waters," said Lt. Nathan Mackenzie, Coast Guard cutter *Washington* commanding officer. "Our ability to accomplish this daunting goal relied on the great relationship both crews developed during previous joint operations, which made it really easy for us to all share our collective search and rescue experiences, best practices, and local knowledge in a collaborative and ultimately effective manner." (USCG)

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ROTA TREASURE ISLAND CORPORATION will soon re-open Casino & Hotel in Songsong Village, Rota

Mr. Masahiro Watanabe, President of Rota Treasure Island Corp. is pleased to announce the re-opening of Rota Casino & Hotel. Initial open date will be August or September 2014.

The past few years have been very difficult with the unforeseen circumstances that has resulted in the closing down of the operations of the first Rota Casino. However, RTIC takes this matter very seriously and with the island communities continued help and support, we will re-open this casino at the earliest opportunity for the benefit of INCREASED tourism growth and for the GREATER economic benefits of the great people of Rota.

RTIC President, Masahiro Watanabe humbly thanks Melchor A. Mendiola - Mayor of Rota, Laura Inos Manglona - Commission Chairwoman, and Henry S. Atalig - Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs for their continued support as well.



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RELOCATION OF DCRM OFFICE

**Effective June 2 - 6, 2014,
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the Bureau of Environmental and
Coastal Quality (BECQ) Office in
Gualo Rai at the same building
where the Division of Environmental
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**Please contact DCRM at 664-8500
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NMC set to host 'Cash for College' workshop on Sat.

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, June 21, 2014, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

The free "Cash for College" workshop was made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.manglona-propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

John Gonzales LIVE schedule

Today's *John Gonzales LIVE* will feature the topic "Understanding the Affordable Care Act: What applies, what does not in the CNMI" on TV Channel 14, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The program also rebroadcasts on www.betelnutradio.com. Guests include Kaitlyn Mocanu and Anna B. Santos of the ACA Consumer Advocate Program, Department of Commerce. To participate in the discussion, contact via email: johngonzaleslive@gmail.com; call 287-9413; or text: 285-META (6382). (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 4, 2006

Emergency payment for pensions—again

The NMI Retirement Fund said it has again withdrawn funds amounting to \$1.3 million from its emergency account to pay the retirees' pension Tuesday last week. This was the fourth time for the agency to tap its reserve account for pension obligations this year. In the middle of May, the Fund took some \$1.5 million from the same account to settle the government's pension liability to some 2,000 retirees. The Fund pays out \$2.3 million for pension a month. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said the board authorized the last drawdown of \$1.3 million for pension payments last week.

Asian groups want to build govt center

At least two Asian firms have expressed interest to build the CNMI government's proposed multi-million capitol building on Saipan. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who arrived Friday morning from a visit to Manila and Hong Kong, said that both Prime Asia and Shanghai-based Jin Jang company want to submit bids for the project. "Prime Asia, a construction company, has expressed their interest to participate. Jin Jang is also interested," said Fitial during a news briefing Friday afternoon. He said the proposed project would cost \$18 million to \$22 million.

June 4, 2007

Rota pushes vote on casino gaming anew

The Rota municipal government is pushing anew a vote on casino gaming on the island. Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos submitted to the Attorney General's Office last week a petition establishing casino gambling in the First Senatorial District. The petition was signed by some 300—or 20 percent—of the Rota voters. If certified, the local initiative will be placed on the ballot for the Nov. 3 midterm election. To become law, the local initiative must be approved by at least two-thirds of Rota voters. As of May 30, 2007, Rota had 1,429 registered voters, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission. The proposed local initiative is similar to Rep. Crispin M. Ogo casino bill, which has been awaiting action in the House of Representatives since January 2007.

Worker told to leave CNMI as Labor ends 5-year-old case

A foreign worker, who has been working almost continuously under a temporary work permit for the past five years, was ordered to depart the CNMI. This came after the Department of Labor resolved the 2002 case and denied Angelina C. Montano's request for authorization to transfer to a new employer. In a May 29, 2007 order, hearing officer Barry Hirshbein instructed Montano's last employer of record to provide an airline ticket for her trip back home. He said Montano must leave within 15 days after her repatriation ticket is delivered to the Labor Department. Otherwise, her name would be referred to the Division of Immigration.

June 4, 2008

'Stimulus' hopefuls rush to correct deficiencies

The long lines are back at the Division of Revenue and Taxation, as taxpayers come to file their income tax returns and correct deficiencies that prevent them from getting their "economic stimulus" payments. The U.S. Department of Treasury allocated roughly \$16.1 million in "economic stimulus" payments for taxpayers in the Northern Marianas. Some 11,000 checks, about half of those who have filed their 2007 income tax returns, reached individuals last weekend. Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos has said some 12,000 of the filings had deficiencies.

16 Korean travel agents head for NMI

Sixteen travel agents that sell the Northern Marianas products in Busan, Korea will be on Saipan and Tinian for a familiarization tour on June 8 – 12. Accompanying the group is a Marianas Visitors Authority Korea staff, one Asiana Airlines staff, one trade newspaper, one regional newspaper and one travel magazine, bringing the group total to 21. MVA believes that this familiarization tour will give the travel agents a first-hand experience of the various attractions Northern Marianas has to offer. This will help them promote the destination better to the consumers in the southern part of Korea. This tour will also serve to strengthen MVA's relationship with the travel agents from Busan whose partnership is becoming more important as the number of Korean tourists to the islands is growing quickly.

Hotel occupancy at 74 pct. in April

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 73.67 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for April 2014, a 2-percent decrease compared to April 2013.

A total of 50,901 of 69,090 available room nights sold in April 2014, compared to 54,498 of 72,060 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$113.35 during the month, compared to \$103.07

last April.

"Last year, HANMI supported a 50-percent increase in the hotel occupancy tax with the assurance of the government that it would go toward marketing and destination enhancement," said HANMI vice chair Gloria Cavanagh. "As shown by April's dip in occupancy rates, the visitor industry is very sensitive, and we strongly feel it is imperative to ensure that funding stays enact so the Marianas

Visitors Authority can continue its work of attracting visitors. In the end, the government and the people benefit."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 87.26 percent, 1 percent lower than last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Northern Mariana Islands. (HANMI)

Chamber membership meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its June general membership meeting today, June 4, at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. Luncheon begins at 11:30am, with the meeting starting at noon.

At the meeting, the Chamber will present the winners of their scholarship program, celebrat-



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update on the status of obtaining a current Prevailing Wage Survey.

Luncheon cost for Chamber members is \$20. Non-member cost is \$30.

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EDITORIAL

Obama's old vigor absent in his foreign policy plans

Like any politician's speech, President Barack Obama's address Wednesday to the graduating class at West Point on his foreign policy as he intends it for the rest of his term has to be read for timing as well as content.

Obama still has a long two-and-a-half years remaining until he leaves the White House. In spite of the consistent recalcitrance he encounters in Congress, and whatever the outcome of this year's midterm congressional elections, his speech comes at a time when, with no longer any elections to face, he is free to use his executive authority to do whatever the traffic will bear.

Obama has quite a lot of leeway in terms of policy, particularly foreign policy where the American president always has more freedom to act than he does when trying to fix strictly national problems. In that sense, the West Point speech showed decidedly less vigor, imagination and originality than one might have expected of the Obama who campaigned on "Change you can believe in."

Taken as it must be in the context of his overall foreign policy, Obama announced Tuesday that he was prolonging a significant presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan from the end of 2014, still the end point set by the Afghans pending the results of the second round of their presidential elections, to 2016.

By the end of that year, Obama will be finishing his second term as president, enabling him thus to pass the buck to the next American president on the final decision on the full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan that most Americans still clearly want after 13 years of war there.

The speech itself was a fair-to-middling attempt to somehow place the United States somewhere between the exceptional, necessary leader in world affairs that it is, whether it wants to be or not, and a still large and powerful country that attempts to lead the world through collective relationships with the rest of the world, through NATO, through cooperation with Asian and other Pacific nations and through the United Nations and other international organizations.

That has not worked awfully well, if one looks, for example, at the results in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya. One outcome has been that the Europeans, who are still generally faithful to U.S. leadership because of America's military might, the fact that they might need us again if Russia under Vladimir V. Putin's leadership becomes too aggressive or just through old gratitude at America's having saved their bacon in World War I and II, showed themselves in the recent European parliament elections to be turning more isolationist in their national policies.

Obama's attempt to set out his foreign policy for the next few years is useful. The speech and his decision on extending the Afghanistan War gives Americans something to chew on, but it was not something that would work on a banner—or even on a bumper sticker—as a rallying cry for a United States going forward in the world. Perhaps the worst part is that Americans know he can do better.

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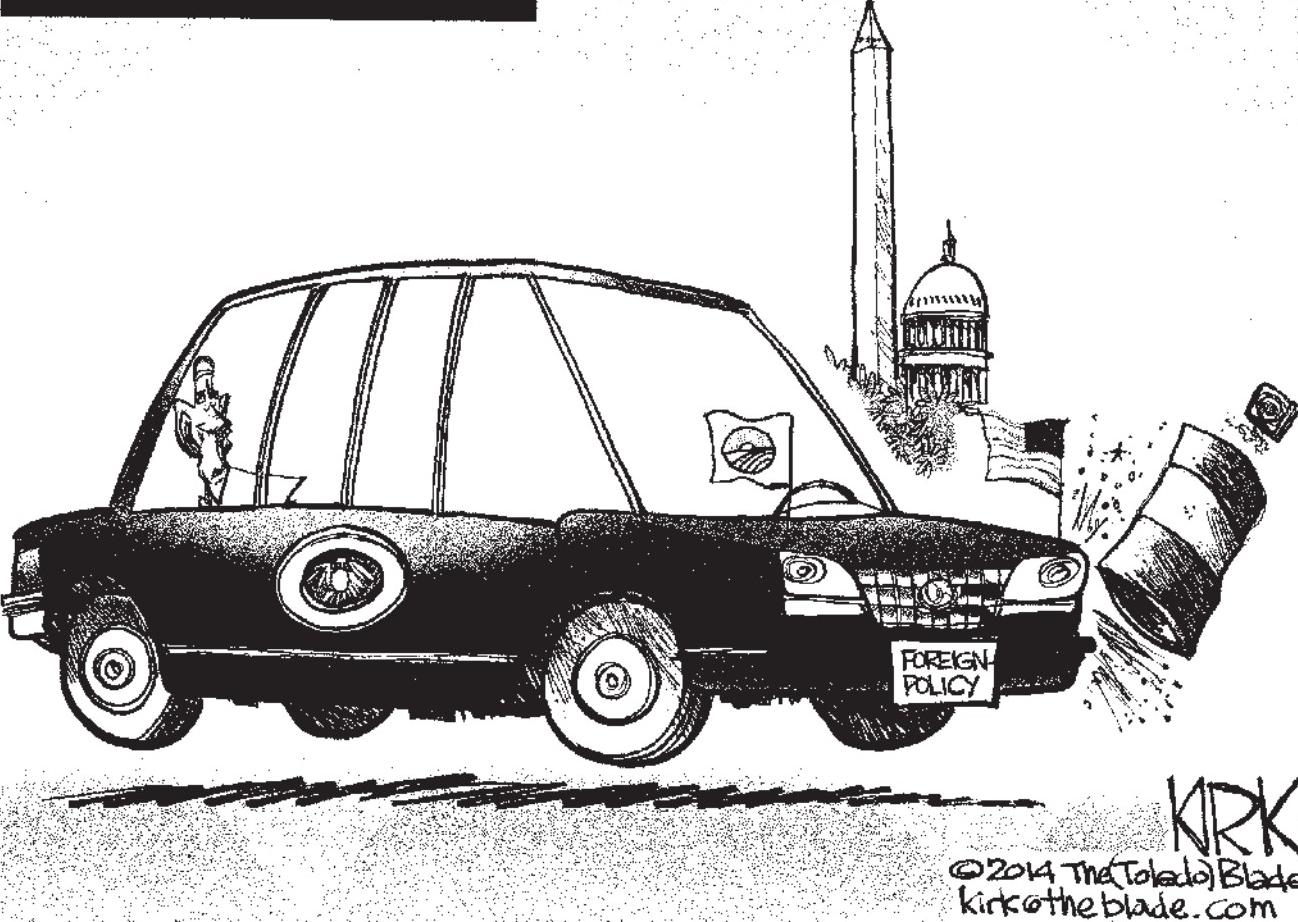
Afghanistan exit plan is the right decision

Last week, President Barack Obama outlined a reasonable plan to scale back—and ultimately end—the war in Afghanistan.

Combat operations will end in December 2014, but

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DRIVERLESS CAR



Cost of living spikes, again!

When the global price of fossil fuel increases, it is usually followed by increase in shipping cost close behind. The combined increases automatically triggers the domino effects of higher power rates, cost of food, gasoline at pump stations, among others.

With apprehension, we look into the family financial radar screen to see where else could we cut to pay for the impending rainbow of increases.

Of course, the inevitable will hit hard at family buying power while salaries remain stagnant. There's nothing anyone could do about it. But then we have politicians who use smoke, convinced it is the vehicle to force CUC to lowering the impending increases.

Esteemed legislators have been caught sleeping on the switchboard, time and again. For four long years they've royally dithered on alternative energy. Every other full moon, they'd demonize CUC and each time they open their mouths, the only thing that changes is their feet. I tried to understand what has become fodder for comedy to pass time as I scribble my next piece.

Legislators have gone to New Zealand on a power conference but came back bloated after ingesting sandwiches at a gay marriage ceremony. They've looked at alternative energy proposals with a poker face if only to show their lack of perception on the issue. There never emerged the political resolve to take the beast by the horn. Here we are today still stuck with high power bills.

The deepening economic maelstrom whipped up by power cost has forced a lot of small businesses to shut down and go elsewhere. The less mentally agile legislators have failed to see that as private industries contract, it means far less revenue for the CNMI prompted by high power cost. The next exit door is to peep if the cost of additional contraction could be tagged stealthily to smaller base ratepayers. It gets nastier and far more egregious as families march to fiscal cliffs.

So what's my point? The high power bills have turned dangerously top heavy and when it crashes and cascades from the pinnacle of the pyramid you can bet your Sears Roebuck ties it would drag down those now in power.

By the first of 2015 they'd all be standing shoulder-to-shoulder with consumers everywhere, with nothing to shield their overblown ego after their power is completely emasculated by the voters. Understandably, the cost of fossil fuel spiking is beyond our control. But what have you done by way of an integrated alternative energy measures that would hopefully ease the cost ahead?

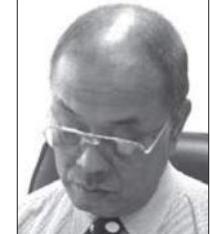
Cyclical: 70-year dip

We're at a juncture in the global 70-year economic dip or cycle where we descend into complete dystopia—where nothing works—quizzing if we've hit rock bottom. It's good and comforting to know

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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we've made the turn so we could look forward with optimism to brighter break of dawn. I don't know if we've hit the bottom as yet. If not, then it's time to brace for more bouts with the fangs of vicious hardship. *Dios mihu!*

This deepening mess will continue to assault families everywhere in dizzying fashion. Though we defer to strict spending plans, it turns into a loss like a precious gem that falls off into the deep blue. For the most part, it just doesn't make sense how carefully we dispose of pennies. There, however, lurks deep down that sense of returning once more to normalcy. When that period would be is anybody's guess. Often, how I wish we didn't have to defer to prayerful search.

At rock bottom, we rely upon communal sharing to make it through the course of the day. On occasional time spent with family and friends, I'd swallow their share of food from NAP (unaware of it) but there's definite truth to one thing: it's food regardless of its source. In times of crisis, we pool resources as families to ensure everybody's safe. I'd sit under my favorite mango tree praying quietly, deferring to divine providence for there's only so much homo sapiens could do in the filthy swamp of the bad times.

As disorienting it may be, I still hang on to that thread of hope that with what's left in resiliency we would eventually be able to push our canoe into the open waters of economic prosperity and opportunity. I haven't given up and we all should join hands to rebuild the paradise we all deserve. The 70-year cyclical hardship shall also pass.

When rubber meets road

We've ventured talking about government expenses. Hardly anyone has asked specifics, e.g., how many employees does it need, cost of payroll and what's left for programs. For discussion purposes, let's say the fiscal year 2015 budget is around \$140 million. Take away 90 percent for payroll for a balance of \$14 million for everything else.

As we page through the most essential departments, CHC needs at least \$40 million for decent healthcare delivery, PSS some \$42 million to ensure the education of our children and a lesser amount for public safety. The balance of \$14 million instantly disappears

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**If it smells rotten, something's isn't right**

Mr. Raho, respectfully submitted in response to your recently published article in the *Saipan Tribune*, my response is that if it smells rotten then probably something isn't right. You have voted against resolutions 2014-02 and 2014-03 and you ask the board of trustees to now come together to work with the CEO, knowing that what she did falls under some definitions of corruption? Should the board just say okay, now we have to work with the CEO in her way when that way was the unjust and wrong way? I suggest to you that the board of Trustees have stood up and charted a new course, a heading that is unalterable. They have chosen openness and truth, transparency and moral leadership of the corporation as a whole.

Much has been debated about Public Law 16-51. Let's discuss it for a second. Let's let the public decide as P.L. 16-51 can be read online at www.cnmilaw.org/pdf/public_laws/16/pl16-51.pdf

House Bill 16-9 was signed into law as Public Law 16-51 on Jan. 15, 2009 by then-governor Fitial. Its purpose was stated on page 1: "The Legislature finds that the healthcare service under the Department of Public Health is not operating as effectively as demanded by the consumers of its healthcare. Several factors are responsible, including a changing environment for public healthcare financing, stagnant public funding, and difficulties in procurement, recruiting and staffing."

For factors that still baffle me, the PL 16-51 authors created a mess when they placed the CEO in charge of CHCC and not the board as is in almost every mainland USA hospital. Mr. Raho, do most all of the U.S. mainland hospitals have it wrong? Respectfully submitted, how has the CHCC system been working?

Here is an example of the role of the board from the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles but there are literally thousands just like it: "The Children's Hospital Los Angeles is a non-profit, private pediatric hospital under the leadership of a volunteer board of trustees, consisting of community leaders and physicians."

Here it is from the Cleveland Clinic: "Currently, there are 23 members of the board of directors. The board is comprised of dedicated community leaders who are selected on the basis of their expertise and experience in a variety of areas beneficial to the Cleve-

land Clinic Health System. Board members serve as volunteers and are not compensated for their services. The board also includes three physicians who are members of Cleveland Clinic's Professional Staff." "The board of directors is the primary governing body of Cleveland Clinic. The directors are responsible for Cleveland Clinic's operations and affairs"

Respectfully, Mr. Raho, perhaps you know more than most all USA hospitals with regard to hospital organizational structure as you oppose a current bill to amend PL 16-51, which intends to place the board of trustees in control of CHCC. You were critical that it was raised by a private citizen and not one of the people in the CHCC administrative cartel. The last time I checked, Saipan was part of the American democratic system where any person can bring such things to a member of the house for review and ask for sponsorship. Isn't the government "by the people and for the people"?

The principle reason cited as your opposition to the P.L. 16-51 revision was that the board of trustees knows less that the CEO and CHCC's mostly non-physician ad hoc committee known as "the governing body" (if I read your article correctly). I guess if that were true, then why is it that a judge can decide a malpractice case? Should all malpractice judges be physicians or part of the CHCC governing body, if the latter is the most knowledgeable in the land as related to health care matters? I submit to you that the physicians are not in charge at CHCC at present. In fact my "insubordination," as one of the reasons for the termination of my contract, was not even applicable as I was not an employee or in other words "subordinate" to anyone. I was a contract physician. The incident came to light because I would not endanger an elderly patient by admitting them to an orthopedic service instead of the first 24 to 48 hours of a medical service for pre-operative clearance as is standard by my medical education, training and experience and backed up by many scholarly studies. I championed for the patient and against Sherleen Osman's demands.

Let us look closer at P.L. 16-51 as it directs the new CHCC:

Much for many'

The recent passing of our Mayor Donald P. Flores is truly a loss for all of us. I remember him to be a man of the people, who did much for many.

I recall the last time I met him was on Saturday, May 10, around 3pm at the Last Command Post for the Autism Society of the CNMI's Hot Dog Walk and Family Fun Day.

He came to support the people and the movement, and as always, had his big smile on and was eager to shake everyone's hand. He is the perfect example of what a great man should be. He treated people with dignity and respect, and worked tirelessly to make Saipan the most beautiful island in the world.

Today, we can see the results of what he has done as mayor of Saipan.

Just take a drive on Beach Road and notice that you can see the ocean through the trees that his people have maintained, along with the flags of the many nationalities you can find on Saipan, and the colorful and beautiful Chichirica along the way. Or take a walk

Page 5 (line 14) "Adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the exercise of the corporation's powers, performance of its duties, and administration of its operations"

Page 5 (line 19) "Adopt and maintain financial controls and policies consistent with those of well managed nonprofit and public healthcare corporations doing business in the United States.

Page 6 (line 6) "Prescribe, adopt, amend and repeal bylaws;

Page 7 (line 19) "The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of its affairs

Page 6 (line 25) "There shall be a board of trustees whose role shall be advisory to the CEO, except as provided in this section"

■ Page 8 (line 12) "The board shall evaluate annually the performance of the CEO. It may recommend the removal of a CEO pursuant to the terms of the CEO's employment contract. The governor shall accept the board's recommendations regarding removal of the CEO..."

■ Page 8 (line 1) "The focus of the board shall be upon strategic planning, the recruitment and retention of a qualified CEO, credentialing medical staff, and ensuring the highest possible quality of healthcare.

Page 7 (line 29) "The board shall act as a fiduciary in the execution of its duties."

Page 10 (line 3,4) "In exercising the powers granted under 2806 of this chapter, the CEO shall: (1) Enforce the rules and regulations of the corporation

Respectfully, Mr. Raho, did the CEO adopt the rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and enforce the rules and regulations of the corporation? I submit to you that after the crap was made up in order to discredit me and keep me from being credentialed as a private doctor at CHCC, they were not followed. The bylaws state that the Chief of Staff, Dr. Kotheimer, shall convene a hearing automatically. The bylaws state that a physician's privileges may be "suspended" following a mandatory review, only in my case the wording was changed to "dismissal" which was not in the bylaws. After a hearing

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AFGHANISTAN

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9,800 troops will remain to serve as advisers to the fledgling Afghan army and participate in counter-terrorism operations.

This is the right course, supported by Obama's defense and intelligence team.

The troops' continued presence in Afghanistan is contingent on whether President Hamid Karzai's successor will sign the Bilateral Security Agreement—something both candidates in the runoff election have pledged to do. And with good reason: Continued American support is essential for a smooth transfer of responsibility to the Afghan army and police.

Both potential successors have stated that they will allow the U.S. to conduct independent operations—including drone strikes—as long as Afghan officials are notified beforehand.

Far from "quitting just short of the goal line," as House Speaker John Boehner argues, the administration has opted for a prudent, gradual drawdown that will demonstrate the independent capacity of the Afghan military and police as well as secure American gains.

The plan should remain subject to developments on the ground, but this is essential for Afghanistan—as well as for the future of American foreign policy.

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like morning dew manifesting serious decline in revenue generation as needs skyrocket by leaps and bounds, simultaneously.

This doesn't include the Fund's settlement agreement of some \$50 million annually. The happy talk about sufficiency in casino revenue is \$15 million per or an advance of some \$30 million. Would this industry rake in sufficient business in its third and subsequent years to meet the \$15 million legal commitment annually?

The answer is obvious so is there a Plan B when the industry crashes under its own weight—no business—to collect the \$15 million? No rocket science stuff, is it? Please do the math and be guided accordingly. Isn't this preparation for failure when the rubber meets the road, so to speak?

Kids can have kids; that's a biological fact. When we become adults we are supposed to train, teach, and mentor kids to be good citizens, and hopefully do a better job with their kids as we did with them. The environment is on everyone's mind, of course, and recycling is something that is taught in kindergarten but apparently everyone that works for MVA, all the trash haulers and all the managers at the Marpi Landfill were absent that week.

I was at the Taste of the Marianas last Saturday—a great event in case you missed it—and MVA still didn't take cards for tokens but I've been through that before. After my first beer, which was in a bottle, I noticed that there were no recycle bins. I counted 20 big green trash bins from AYD so we all put everything inside these. Bottles, cans, plastic, cardboard, food scraps, everything. So, on Monday, like a good citizen, I went to their office in San Antonio to watch them separate (recycle) all the different items. "No way, Jose," said they. "We don't do that, it goes straight from our truck to the Marpi Landfill." Well, said I, "It's against the law." "Don't know nuttin' about that," said they. I want to point out here not only AYD but all the trash haulers dump directly without recycling. So, I went to the people in Lower Base that run the Marpi Landfill and they

through the villages on Saipan and notice that you don't have to worry about stray dogs chasing you anymore. These are just some examples of the various projects he was doing as our mayor. He has worked hard for us all, and he did it until he could do it no more.

"It is wonderful how much may be done, if we are always doing."—Thomas Jefferson, *Letters of Thomas Jefferson*

Our lives have been enriched by Mayor Donald P. Flores. Thank you for your work and dedication to our people and to our island. All of the CNMI, including us in the disability movement will miss you. Rest in peace.

For more on disabilities, please do not hesitate to contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. at 235-7273/4; TTY at 235-7278; Fax at 235-7275; or online at www.nmpasi.org.

Thomas M. Thornburgh

Secretary, Autism Society of the CNMI

Hey, MVA, trash collectors, and landfill managers

said, "Yes, it's against the law to dump glass, cans, metal, plastic, cardboard, hazardous materials and about 20 other things into our beautiful dump," which by the way, tourists can get a really great view and pictures of from Suicide Cliff. They even have the law on their office computers if you want to see it. What they don't seem to have is someone that can implement those laws.

If you, the citizens of Saipan, can't recycle by choice and the trash haulers can't recycle for profit, then the landfill should be closed and you can just dump your garbage in your neighbor's empty lot like you've been doing forever.

One sure way to get people to recycle bottles, cans and plastic containers, which is up to 80 percent of all our trash, is to get your Legislature to pass a container charge of \$2 per container, refundable at the Lower Base transfer station. I can almost guarantee you that every bottle, can, or plastic bottle arriving on Saipan will be accounted for. Please recycle—even kindergarten kids know it's good for the environment of Saipan.

Gary Dubrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 60 ▼ 51
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 73
London	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 62
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 46
Miami	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 64
Osaka	Rain	▲ 72 ▼ 64
Paris	Rain	▲ 59 ▼ 46
Pusan	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 59
Salem	Sunny	▲ 79 ▼ 47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 61
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 72 ▼ 65
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 66

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Today	10:54 AM	11:54 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Thursday	11:41 AM	
Friday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Friday	12:29 PM	12:12 AM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Saturday	1:17 PM	12:51 AM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Sunday	2:07 PM	1:31 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5040	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5078	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via NRT

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
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then an appeals process is still another opportunity for the physician to be heard. Dr. Sherleen Osman stated that as a contract physician I was ineligible for due process as outlined in the bylaws, yet the bylaws state that every physician who delivers care is a member of the medical staff and subject to the bylaws. The bylaws state one year term limits for officers, e.g. Drs. Osman and Kotheimer. The operations policy states rules for credentialing that have not been followed.

Further for your review is an email to the board of trustees by Sherleen Osman where she attempts to discredit me by saying, "when he was not even involved in emergency medical services at CHC." Any patient or patient's family member that saw me deliver care in the emergency room knows this to be nothing more plain than a lie.

Mr. Raho, three patients were placed in harm's way when the only orthopedic surgeon, and the one who performed their surgery, was terminated three days before the end of his contract. This is against any notion of consenting of a patient to their rights upon being admitted as mandated by Medicare, i.e. that their orthopedic surgeon may be dismissed for made up crap just after their surgery, leaving no orthopedic surgeon in charge of their post-operative care.

Mr. Raho, someone was recently hurt due to the lack of radiographic follow up after their orthopedic surgeon was no longer there.

Finally Mr. Raho, I respect you and that you have reservations and wish to openly support CEO Muña and your vision for the duties of the board of trustees as you interpret P.L. 16-51. Maybe the board's resolutions 2014-02 and 2014-03 are or are not legally enforceable. If we all just take a second and step back then you can see the real weight of these resolutions. The board passed them essentially saying, wait a minute, you can't just do it that way. You have to follow due process. The real weight is in the spirit of the resolutions.

When I first arrived at CHCC one of the emergency room physicians told me that things work differently on Saipan, inferring that any sense of normal or right and wrong is subject to Saipan interpretation. I also read that people who arrive go through three stages, the first a wondrous awakening of all of the good that they can do for Saipan, the second is frustration at the people who roadblock those efforts and finally the third, giving up and settling for apathy or moving on. I am staying. I will not abandon the people.

John Del Rosario Jr. wrote

an article that I admire. It appeared in the *Tribune* on April 4, 2014, and was titled, "The Prelude to Corruption is Secrecy." Professor Robert Klitgaard has an equation that sets corruption to a lack of transparency. Websters defines corruption as, "dishonest or illegal behavior especially by powerful people (such as government officials or police officers)". In my case, all the board of trustees wanted to do was to bring everything out in the open and allow due process to work last fall. Instead,

the impacts were potentially career devastating for me.

Mr. Raho, without due process and without Resolution 2014-02, did you consider the impact that that would have on my career. Every place that I apply for privileges asks if I ever had them terminated before. What would I say? What about all of the people not being helped because I failed to be able to work? Does my 84-year-old mother not deserve to have money sent to her every month as well?

The implications of that

made up crap and the lack of due process goes far beyond P.L. 16-51. It ventures far into human decency with regard to right and wrong. It becomes a reflection of how our parents raised us and what would they say about our actions if they were all alive today. We can all debate the legal issues of those resolutions but how about just thanking the members of the board of trustees who are fighting for a better healthcare system, right and wrong, and to step up to the plate against the tide and say do it the mor-

ally correct way.

This whole thing stinks. I submit that every office that oversees a portion of this attack that I was put through had a choice. Do they join the board of trustees and stand up to corruption, secrecy, and the lack of transparency or do they stay in the shadows unspoken? Was this what the emergency room doctor suggested as "the Saipan way" the first day I arrived? With so many people championing me and this cause now, is the reader of this rebuttal part of the Saipan

problem or part of the solution? What a great mirror this has been. I suggest that you couldn't uncover these people even with an expensive consultant's report. To the board of trustees, Mr. Raho and the people of Saipan, thank you for standing up and discussing this and to all of those who offer their support...I give my loyalty.

Grant Walker, MD

Board Certified and Spine Fellowship Trained Orthopedic Surgeon

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BECQ cracks down on illegal pesticides importation

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality slapped a \$3,000 settlement fine against Zhen Corp. dba Free Town Market for illegally importing misbranded and unregistered pesticides into the Commonwealth. Zhen Corp. has paid the settlement fine as well as admitted to illegally importing unregistered pesticides for farming use.

In addition, Zhen Corp. has made immediate arrangements

with a professional environmental company to have the illegal pesticides exported out of the CNMI to a disposal facility in the U.S. mainland at their expense as one of the imposed conditions.

Frank M. Rabauliman, BECQ administrator said, "The importation, sale, and use of illegal pesticides puts the health and safety of our communities at risk. It is this un-

compromising risk that I have made it an agency policy to treat all intercepted, misbranded pesticides as hazardous materials and heavily enforce immediate action of its removal and exportation at the expense of the importer."

"I commend the diligence and persistence of the officers at Customs and Quarantine in continuing to assist the BECQ with the interception of illegal,

misbranded pesticides," added Rabauliman.

Rabauliman strongly advises distributors and retailers to ensure that imported pesticide products have the required EPA labels. Non-compliance will result in hefty violation fines and exportation costs at the expense of the responsible importer, as evident with Zhen Corp.

He further reminds retailers and wholesalers that all pesti-

cide products to be imported, sold, or used in the Commonwealth must have and conform to U.S. EPA requirements for labeling or packaging. BECQ is actively conducting site visits to crack down on the sale of illegal pesticides and violators will be cited. Under CNMI Pesticide regulation, it is also unlawful for any person within the CNMI to offer to deliver to another person any pesticide that is unreg-

istered, misbranded, banned, or cancelled.

For more information about the CNMI Pesticide Regulations, contact the Pesticide Program at 664-8500 or send an email to storagetankspesticides@deq.gov.mp. You are also encouraged to visit www.deq.gov.mp for general information about pesticides or to download the pesticide regulations. (BECQ)

Larson testifies in Quichocho lawsuit vs casino law

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 REPORTER

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson took the witness stand in Superior Court last Friday after attorney Ramon K. Quichocho summoned her in connection with his request for preliminary injunction in his lawsuit against the 2-month-old casino law.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman later placed Quichocho's motion under advisement.

Larson pointed out that she could not answer many of the questions Quichocho raised because she is not a lawyer and that she did not draft the government's opposition to his motion.

Assistant attorneys general David Lochabay and Reena Patel, counsels for the CNMI government and Gov. Eloy S. Inos respectively, objected to many of the questions Quichocho asked Larson, describing them as irrelevant and immaterial. Assistant attorney general Teresita Sablan also appeared for Inos.

Larson said the \$2-million non-refundable application fees by two casino license applicants have been placed under the Lottery Commission and held in an account under Finance's custody. She said the money is still in the account and that no other

»'Delays only hurt the impact of bringing in massive revenue'

payment by the applicants has been made.

In an interview after the hearing, Larson said one of the biggest obligations facing the government and impacting its ability to move forward and increase agencies' budget is the Retirement Fund payment under the Betty Johnson's class action settlement.

"This year we have to pay \$25 million and that's still something that we're working on. We've been current with our payment, but it is a struggle to get to that point because of the amount we have to pay the Retirement Fund."

Delays like the temporary restraining order that Quichocho is seeking would only hurt that effort to bring in more revenue. The government, she pointed out, needs this kind of cash infusion.

"We just don't need a few dollars here and a few dollars there. We need massive amount of money to make it through the next couple of years," Larson said.

She disclosed that for this year alone, the government has to pay \$25 million; \$27 million for the next year; and \$30 million for the following year. Larson said it's very difficult for the government to make these payments.

Larson said they had difficulty in paying the initial \$25 million. Since the amount gets higher, it's a great concern.

"Each year we have to find resources," she said.

Aside from the Johnson obligation, Larson said the government has numerous other obligations and that CUC billings is one of those.

In an interview after the hearing, Quichocho said the Commonwealth Casino Commission is the sole authority to expend the \$2 million application fees.

"And now you have the Lottery Commission taking that role and entering into contracts expending that money not pursuant to the statute, in violation of the statute," he said.

In his argument, Quichocho said his lawsuit showed a strong likelihood of success because two specific provisions of the casino law have been violated.

"The government is running out of control of expending illegally," he said.

Quichocho said the court should send a strong message to the public that laws should be followed.

"Only if you are the Casino Commission, then you can spend that money," said Quichocho, referring to the \$2 million casino application.

The lawyer said the Lottery Commission has illegally expended public funds, collected pursuant to the casino law, to hire a casino investigator and a

gaming consultant.

Quichocho said the court's heart and mind should not be moved by the parade of fiscal ruins that was painted by the government's lawyers in the event that defendants are stopped from illegally expending public funds collected pursuant to the casino law.

In the defendants' arguments, Patel said that Quichocho has not met his burden for a preliminary injunction based on the evidence submitted.

Patel also pointed out that \$50 million will be generated by the government in the casino's first year of operation.

She said the government is in dire need of revenue. Delaying the process designed to create

new revenue is in and of itself harmful to the public interest, Patel said.

"Time is of the essence," she added.

Patel said the government needs new revenue to pay land compensation judgments, provide essential public services, and to meet its obligation to retirees.

Quichocho filed the lawsuit for himself and on behalf of the CNMI taxpayers.

The lawyer is suing Inos and co-defendants for alleged violation of the NMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho asked the court to issue a judgment declaring the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law as unconstitutional and unlawful.

NMC 2014 summer admission application deadline on June 6

New students who are interested in enrolling for the Northern Marianas College's summer 2014 six-week session may submit their application for admission no later than Friday, June 6, 2014.

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For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit www.marianas.edu. (PR)

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 4, 5, and 6: English and Math placement testing (9am, Testing Center in Bldg. I)
- June 6: Deadline to submit admission application for summer session 2014
- June 9 and 10: English and Math placement testing (1pm, Testing Center in Bldg. I)
- June 11 and 12: English and Math placement testing (9am, Testing Center in Bldg. I)
- June 13: New and returning student orientation (2pm, Location: TBA)
- June 16-20: Summer session 2014 Registration (Daily schedule forthcoming)



PSS musical talents in one big show

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REPORTER

The CNMI Public School System will assemble all its musical talents in one big show tonight in celebration of their achievements that brought pride to the system and the community.

Dubbed as the 2nd Annual PSS Spring Music Festival, the special show will take place at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center beginning 5pm tonight, June 4. Admission is free and open to the public.

WITHOUT A PENNY IN MY POCKET A moving story of WWII

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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Marie S.C. Castro's *Without a Penny in My Pocket* is a moving personal account of life on Saipan before and during World War II.

Castro's story begins in the 1930s when the CNMI was part of the Japanese Empire. She describes her early childhood as a traditional, close-knit Chamorro family, at a time when island life revolved around the farm, family, and the Catholic Church.

Without a Penny in My Pocket also describes the warmth and security of Castro's family life, contrasted sharply with the harsh discipline she experienced while attending elementary school taught by strict Japanese teachers.

That peaceful life was shattered with the outbreak of World War II, during which Saipan became a bloody battleground fought over by Japanese and American forces.

Castro recounts the terrifying three weeks during which her family, short of food and water and under constant bombardment, moved from place to place in search of safety, only to be found by American troops at the very end of the battle.

A few months later, Castro, who was 11 years old by then, along with other island youngsters, became guests at an American-style Christmas party hosted by the men of the 101st Naval Construction Battalion, the famed "Seabees." This joyful and exciting event was Castro's introduction to American life.

Following the war, Castro



dedicated herself to the Church and became a nun in the Mercedarian Order.

After teaching for more than a decade on Saipan, Castro started a new chapter in her life when she departed for a new assignment in Kansas City, Missouri—a journey she made "without a penny in her pocket." That's where she pursued a teaching career in Kansas City.

In the 1990s, she became reacquainted with the men of the 101st Seabees and began their very special Christmas party.

These and more, including her observations on the changes that's been happening to the Chamorro culture resulting from modernization in the past 40 years, are featured in her book, *Without a Penny in My Pocket*. Readers will learn about Saipan's history as well as the strength and resilience of the Chamorro people.

Castro, described as one of "an ever-shrinking group of eyewitnesses," will be holding a book signing during the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's one-day history conference on June 14 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe. Those interested can meet with her during the history conference.

The conference is part of the activities for the 70th Anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

Shark bite victim flown from Palmyra Atoll

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard medically evacuated a woman after she was bitten by a shark near Palmyra Atoll, Sunday.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu received a call from the Palmyra research facility director reporting that a 37-year-old female patient sustained a shark bite on her left hand.

A Coast Guard flight surgeon consulted with the medical staff treating the victim and determined that a medevac was warranted due to the risk of infection and possible nerve and tendon damage. Commercial aircraft were not available until Tuesday. An HC-130 Hercules airplane

crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point launched to Palmyra Atoll to conduct the medevac. The woman was brought to Air Station Barbers Point on Oahu where emergency medical technicians safely transported her to Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center and Clinic for further treatment.

The aircrew flew more than 1,000 miles from Hawaii to Palmyra Atoll to complete the medevac. This is comparable to dispatching an ambulance from Seattle to respond to a patient in San Diego. The 14th Coast Guard District encompasses more than 12.2 million square miles of the Central and South Pacific. (USCG)

the crowd.

Much-awaited performances from the high school level will be delivered by Saipan Southern High School's Flow and Manta Ray Concert Band.

Four groups from Marianas High School are expected to cheer the crowd: MHS' Concert Band, Glee/Rhythm 'N Harmony, Pep Band, and the Pocksai Chamorro Chorale.

All participants in tonight's show are winners in this year's music competitions here and in Guam.

9 host families needed for homestay program

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office is seeking at least nine families to host students coming from Japan.

Some 17 students from the International Youth Association of Japan Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai group from Tokyo will be arriving on July 28 and will need families willing to host them.

Joann Aquino, acting director of operations for the Saipan Mayor's Office, said they will

» Japan trip set for October

be conducting outdoor activities for the KSKK group during their visit to Saipan.

The students will arrive July 28 and will leave Aug. 4.

The 17 students include 10 boys and seven girls and are escorted by one chaperone.

According to the KSKK website, the homestay program allows Japanese students to interact with different cultures and enhance their knowledge of the cultures of the place they are visiting.

According to the website, 90 percent of their students traveling overseas for homestay programs are either first-time travelers or can hardly speak English.

The KSKK was founded in 1973 and has contributed to the promotion of friendly exchanges between countries.

In related news, the KSKK group is hosting a Japan trip this October and applications can be picked up at the Mayor's Office.

Aquino said that applications are due on the first week of September.

"The airfare is still not determined," Aquino said.

Students will arrive at the Narita airport in Japan on Oct. 9. They will have a schedule of activities everyday until their departure on Oct. 15.

On a side note, students will be able to visit Tokyo Disneyland but this will require payment.

For more details, interested families can pick up homestay applications at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center on Beach Road or call Aquino at 234-6208, 234-6280, 235-7304.

LOCAL



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPER APPLICATION

To Attach Project-Based Vouchers to New Construction or Rehabilitated Rental Units

Primer

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) administers a tenant-based Section 8 program that subsidizes low-income tenants residing in privately-owned housing units. Federal regulations allow the NMHC to use a portion of its funding to attach project-based Section 8 units in new construction and rehabilitation projects.

NMHC may only operate a project-based voucher (PBV) program if doing so is consistent with its PHA Annual Plan, and the goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities [42 U.S.C. 1437(f)(13)].

The principle difference between tenant based and project based assistance is that with the latter, the voucher and subsidy assistance remains with the unit when a tenant moves. Except for units which are occupied by eligible tenants upon the commencement of the project-based contract term, families will be selected from the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Section 8 PBV waiting list or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list (in the absence of a PBV wait list) and will be pre-screened for Section 8 eligibility before being referred to the owner. The owner chooses a tenant for occupancy based on their usual screening process. When a family is approved by the owner, they will execute a lease with the owner.

The project-based Section 8 property remains subsidized for the term of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract signed by the owner and NMHC (subject to future availability of appropriations and the availability of funds under the Annual Contributions Contract).

Rent to Owner

The rent is set at the execution of the initial HAP contract. The maximum gross rent will be set at the lesser of: a) 90% of the applicable FMR, b) the HUD-approved exception rent; c) the reasonable rent, or d) the owner requested rent with the exception of units with other subsidy.

The NMHC must perform rent reasonableness test on all contracted units, both at initial HAP and under the following circumstances:

1. When the owner requests for a rent adjustment;
2. When the owner requests to substitute an assisted unit;
3. If there is a change in the allocation of responsibility for utilities; and
4. If there is a 5% or greater reduction in the HUD published FMR.

The contract rent may be adjusted up or down as indicated by the results of the rent reasonableness test. This requirement means that there may be occasions when a PBV rent must be reduced because of verified decrease in rent levels for comparable unassisted units in the PBV community.

Specific regulations governing this form of project-based assistance are set forth at 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 983, dated October 13, 2005. In the event subsequent regulations are published and conflict with any guidance set forth within this document, the NMHC reserves the right to apply the new HUD guidance to the proposals as submitted.

Applicability of Section 19.9.2 D. of NMHC's Administrative Plan

For certain tax credit units [24 CFR 983.301(c), FR Notice 11/24/08], the rent limits are determined differently than for other PBV units. These different limits apply to contract units that meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) The contract unit receives a low-income housing tax credit under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- 2) The contract unit is not located in a qualified census tract;
- 3) There are comparable tax credit units of the same bedroom size as the contract unit in the same building, and the comparable tax credit units do not have any form of rental assistance other than the tax credit; and
- 4) The tax credit rent exceeds an NMHC-determined amount (not to exceed 110 percent of the fair market rent or any approved exception payment standard).

For contract units that meet all of these criteria, the rent to owner must not exceed the lowest of:

- (a) The tax credit rent minus any utility allowance;
- (b) The reasonable rent; or
- (c) The rent requested by the owner.

However, NMHC is permitted to use the higher Section 8 rent for a tax credit unit if the tax credit is less than the amount that would be permitted under Section 8. In these cases, Section 8 rent reasonableness requirements must continue to be met.

Exceptions to the Occupancy Cap [24 CFR 983.261, FR Notice 11/24/09]

NMHC may not pay housing assistance under a PBV HAP contract for more than 25 percent of the number of dwelling units in a project unless the units are [24 CFR 983.56]:

- A. In a single-family dwelling;
- B. Specifically made available for elderly or disabled families; or
- C. Specifically made available for families receiving supportive services as defined by NMHC. At least one member must be receiving at least one qualifying service.

Criteria for Selection

- Extent to which the project furthers NMHC's goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities – 35 points;
- Owner experience and capability to build or rehabilitate housing as identified in the RFP – 30 points;
- If applicable, the extent to which services for special populations are provided on site or in the immediate area for occupants of the property – 0 points;
- Experience as an owner in the tenant-based voucher program and owner compliance with the owner's obligations under the tenant-based program – 25 points; and
- Projects with the lowest percentage of units assisted will be rated higher than projects with a greater percentage of the units assisted - 10 points.

Site Selection Standards

Every PBV owner must demonstrate that their project is consistent with HUD's statutory goal of "deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities." The NMHC will assess each application in this regard, based on the following HUD-mandated criteria:

- HUD Designated Zone. Whether the census tract in which the proposal will be located is in a HUD-designated Enterprise Zone, Economic Zone, Economic Community, or Renewal Community.
- Significant Revitalization. Whether the census tract in which the proposed PBV development will be located is undergoing significant revitalization.
- Public Investment. Whether state, local, or federal dollars have been invested in the area that has assisted in the achievement of the statutory requirement.
- New Market Rate Units. Whether new market rate units are being developed in the same census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located and the likelihood that such market rate units will positively impact the poverty rate in the area.
- Decline in Poverty Rate. If the poverty rate in the area where the proposed PBV development will be located is greater than 20 percent, the PHA should consider whether in the past five years there has been an overall decline in the poverty rate.
- Education and Economic Opportunities. Whether there are meaningful opportunities for educational and economic advancements in the census tract where the proposed PBV development will be located.

Number of Units to be Assisted with Project Based Vouchers

The NMHC is seeking both for-profit and not-for-profit owners who are interested in attaching project-based Section 8 subsidy assistance to newly constructed units or units requiring rehabilitation work in a housing subdivision or apartment complex. We estimate that we will be able to assist up to 30 project based voucher units under which NMHC will have available at the time of HAP contract execution.

The proposals shall be ranked using a point-based system and project-based vouchers shall be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Proposal with highest points – 15 Project-based vouchers;
- 2) Proposal ranked second based on earned points – 10 Project-based vouchers; and
- 3) Proposal ranked third based on earned points – 5 Project-based vouchers.

If you are interested in this project-based Section 8 initiative, please complete the attached application and return it as instructed. Only applications submitted in response to the advertisement will be considered.

If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, you are required to submit your questions in writing to Mr. Jesse Palacios, Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950

Timeline

A. Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the NMHC conference room located in Garapan, Saipan on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal conference will be to review the requirements of the RFP and to respond to any questions about the application process and HUD regulations governing the project-based program. Attendance at this conference is considered essential to proposer's understanding of the project's elements and a company/organization that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-proposal conference will be considered as a non-responsive proposer.

B. Submission Requirements

Sealed proposals must be marked NMHC-RFP 2014-004. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted not later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2014. Applications should be in a three-ring binder. Deliver applications, in a sealed package with the label indicating the title, "Project-Based Section 8 Application" to:

Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
P.O. Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposals by turning in a Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal. Notice of Intent to Submit a Proposal must be received by the Corporate Director of NMHC no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 234-9021, or via email at jspalacios@nmhgov.net. For proposers outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 18, 2014, and must be received by NMHC no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

C. Other Important Information

NMHC hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.

D. Award Letters

Funding decisions under this RFP will be made within thirty (30) days of the application deadline. All applicants will be notified by first class mail. The NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

For more information, contact Jocelyn C. Seman, NMHC Office Manager/Procurement Officer at (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on CNMI observed holidays.

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

Business

Obama orders pollution cuts—but timing uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Taking aim at global warming, President Barack Obama introduced a politically charged plan Monday to order big and lasting cuts in the pollution discharged by America's power plants. But the plan, though ambitious in scope, wouldn't be fully realized until long after Obama's successor took office and would generate only modest progress worldwide.

Obama's proposal to force a 30 percent cut in carbon dioxide emissions, by the year 2030 from 2005 levels, drew immediate scorn from Republicans, industry groups and even a few Democrats who are facing fraught re-election campaigns in energy-dependent states. Environmental activists were split, with some hailing the plan and others calling it insufficiently strict to prevent the worst effects of global warming.

In all likelihood, the plan marks one of the most significant steps Obama will take to shape the country he governs during his final years in office. Stymied by Congress on nearly every front, Obama has turned to actions he can take on his own, but has found limited means to effect the type of sweeping change he has envisioned in his two campaigns.

The effort would cost up to

\$8.8 billion annually in 2030, the EPA projected. But the actual price is impossible to predict until states decide how to reach their targets—a process that will take years.

Obama, in a conference call with public health leaders, sought to head off critics who have argued the plan will kill jobs, drive up power bills and crush the economy in regions of the U.S.

"What we've seen every time is that these claims are debunked when you actually give workers and businesses the tools and the incentives they need to innovate," Obama said.

Never before has the U.S. sought to restrict carbon dioxide from existing power plants, although Obama's administration is also pursuing the first limits on newly built plants. While the plan would push the nation closer to achieving Obama's pledge to reduce total U.S. emissions

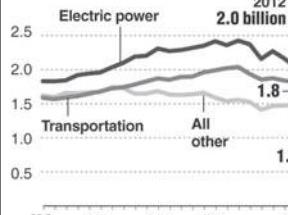
U.S. to cut carbon emissions

The Obama administration announced a plan to reduce carbon emissions from power plants, the biggest source of carbon dioxide pollution, which is a major cause of global warming.

The plan Cut emissions from power plants by 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030

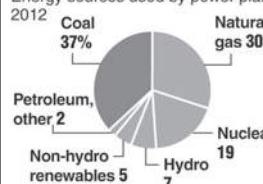
U.S. carbon emissions by sector

In billions of metric tons of carbon dioxide



Coal biggest source of electricity

Energy sources used by power plants, 2012



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Natural Resources Defense Council, AP Graphic: Judy Treble

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Plan says it's up to the states

Each state will determine how to meet customized targets set by EPA

A state could have more time to submit plan if it joins with other states

States get credit for steps already taken to cut emissions

Power plants have reduced emissions by nearly 13 percent since 2005, almost half way to White House goal

Ways to cut Make power plants more efficient, reduce frequency that coal-fired plants supply power to grid; invest in more low-carbon energy sources

by 17 percent by 2020, it still would fall short of the global reductions scientists say are needed to stabilize the planet's temperature.

Connie Hedegard, the European Union's commissioner for climate change, called the rule "the strongest action ever taken by the U.S. government to fight climate change." But she also said, "All countries, including the United States, must do even more than what this reduction trajectory indicates."

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Republicans in Congress criticized the agreement and complained about not having been consulted, citing a law that requires Congress to be given 30 days notice before a prisoner is released from Guantanamo. Bergdahl's handoff to U.S. special forces in eastern Afghanistan was never going to lead to an uncomplicated yellow-ribbon celebration. The exchange stirred debate over a possibly heightened risk other Americans being snatched as bargaining chips and whether the released detainees would find their way back to the battlefield.

Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee

said the Pentagon notified

the panel by phone on Saturday that the exchange was occurring in the next five hours.

"A phone call does not meet the legal standard of congressional notification," the Republican members said in a statement and added that official notice of the move came Monday, "more than 72 hours after the detainees were released."

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Nation

Questions loom over Bergdahl-Taliban swap

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Pentagon concluded in 2010 that Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl walked away from his unit, and after an initial flurry of searching the military curbed any high-risk rescue plans. But the U.S. kept pursuing avenues to negotiate his release, recently seeking to fracture the Taliban network by making its leaders fear a faster deal with underlings could prevent the freedom they sought for five of their top officials, American officials told The Associated Press.

The U.S. government kept tabs on Bergdahl's whereabouts with spies, drones and satellites, even as it pursued off-and-on negotiations to get him back over the five years of captivity that ended on Saturday.

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There was plenty of criticism about how the deal came about.

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Graham, a South Carolina Republican. "I fear President Obama's decision will inevitably lead to more Americans being kidnapped and held hostage throughout the world."

Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, who was campaigning Monday for U.S. Senate candidate Joni Ernst in suburban Des Moines, said the hostage exchange was evidence of what he called a weak and dangerous Obama foreign policy.

"We have released five very dangerous individuals who eventually will find their way back into the battlefield," Rubio told reporters, referring to the swap as setting a price on for American soldiers. "I think it sets a very dangerous precedent."

White House chief of staff Denis McDonough pushed back.

"All Americans should know that we did what was necessary to get Bowe back," he said in a speech to a think tank. "We did not have 30 days to wait to get this done. And when you're commander in chief, you have to act when there is an opportunity for action."

U.S. officials said they had to act quickly because Bergdahl's health and safety appeared in jeopardy, but declined to explain how.

Bergdahl disappeared on June 30, 2009. A Pentagon investigation concluded in 2010 that the evidence was "incontrovertible" that he walked away from his unit, said a former Pentagon official who has read it.

The military investigation was broader than a criminal inquiry, this official said, and it didn't formally accuse Bergdahl of desertion. In interviews as part of the probe, members of his unit portrayed him as a naive, "delusional" person who thought he could help the Afghan people by leaving his Army post, said the official, who was present for the interviews.

Seattle council passes \$15 minimum wage

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle City Council unanimously passed an ordinance Monday that gradually increases the minimum wage in the city to \$15, which would make it the highest in the nation.

The issue has dominated politics in the liberal municipality for months, and a boisterous crowd of mostly labor activists packed the Council chambers for the vote. Mayor Ed Murray, who was elected last year, had promised in his campaign to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. A newly-elected socialist City Council member had pushed

the idea as well.

"We did it. Workers did this," said Kshama Sawant, the socialist City Councilmember. "We need to continue to build an even more powerful movement."

Councilmember Tom Rasmussen said "Seattle wants to stop the race to the bottom in wages" and address the "widening gap between the rich and the poor."

The measure, which would take effect on April 1, 2015, includes a phase-in of the wage increase over several years, with a slower process for small businesses. The plan gives businesses with more than 500 employ-

ees nationally at least three years to phase in the increase. Those providing health insurance will have four years to complete the move. Smaller organizations will be given seven years.

The International Franchise Association, a Washington, D.C.-based business group that represents franchise owners, said it plans to sue to stop the ordinance.

"The City Council's action today is unfair, discriminatory and a deliberate attempt to achieve a political agenda at the expense of small franchise business owners," the group said in a statement.

Apple expands into health, home with new software

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is expanding into home and health management as the company tries to turn its iPhones, iPads and Mac computers into an interchangeable network of devices that serve as a hub of people's increasingly digital lives.

The new tools for tracking health and controlling household appliances are part of updated operating systems that Apple unveiled Monday in San Francisco at its 25th annual conference for application developers.

The revised software for Apple Inc.'s devices won't be

released to the general public until this fall when the company is also expected to start selling the next generation of iPhones and iPads. A spruced-up line of Macs also could be coming before the holiday shopping season.

The lack of a flashy new gadget may disappoint some Apple fans who are still looking for proof that the company hasn't lost its ingenuity since Steve Jobs died in October 2011. Since then, Apple has mostly been making incremental improvements to the devices and software hatched under Jobs' leadership.

While those updates have been enough to maintain Apple's status as the world's most valuable company, they haven't quieted persisting questions about the company's future prospects amid intensifying competition from other device makers.

Apple CEO Tim Cook, Jobs' hand-picked successor, turned Monday's spotlight over to one of his chief lieutenants—Craig Federighi—to discuss the company's upcoming software changes. The new versions, which will be free, are called iOS 8 for mobile devices and "Yosemite" for Macs.

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Asia

Gang rape reflects India's immense cultural divide

NEW DELHI (AP)—The vows for change came quickly after the young Indian woman was beaten, gang-raped on a moving bus and finally died in a faraway hospital. No longer, politicians promised, would rape victims be shamed by police. No longer, the judicial system said, would rapists be able to blame their victims.

Thousands of people swept through the streets of New Delhi in spontaneous protests after the December 2012 bus rape, demanding protection for women. The victim became “the daughter of the entire nation,” said Sushma Swaraj, now the country’s foreign minister.

Much has changed in the 18 months since then—harsher laws against rape, increased media focus on sexual violence, new police units dedicated to helping women. But a gang rape last week that left two teenage cousins dead, their corpses hanging from a village mango tree, has revealed the immense

gulf that remains in India. In a nation that can at times appear convulsed with outrage over a culture of sexual violence, there are plenty of occasions when it seems little has changed at all.

Prominent politicians have been largely silent since last week’s rapes, and there have been only a handful of protests, most attracting just a few dozen demonstrators. The largest protest, with about 200 women, occurred Monday, six days after the girls were first reported missing. The case dominated TV news for a day or so, but soon slipped from view.

The attack happened in Uttar Pradesh, a sprawling north Indian state with nearly 200 million residents. But when the state’s top politician was asked about it, he ridiculed the journalists questioning him.

“Aren’t you safe?” Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav demanded of the reporters. “Then why are you worried? What’s it to you?”

The comment aroused only a

brief flurry of headlines. After all, Yadav’s father—Uttar Pradesh’s former chief minister, and now head of the state’s ruling party—made far blunter comments about gang-rapists last month, arguing against the death penalty for convicted attackers by saying “boys will be boys.”

Some see the lack of anger rooted in the victims’ caste. The girls attacked last week were dalits, from the group long known in India as “untouchables,” an overwhelmingly poor and ill-educated community which still faces daily discrimination.

While the men accused in the attack were also low-caste, their community—the Yadavs—is politically powerful in Uttar Pradesh.

“It’s not a coincidence that the children who were raped and hanged were dalits,” said Ranjana Kumari, one of India’s most prominent women’s activists and director of the New Delhi-based Center for Social Research.

Ex-sex slaves demand Japan PM acknowledge past

TOKYO (AP)—Five former victims of Japan’s wartime sex slavery and their supporters submitted hundreds of official documents to the government Monday, demanding Prime Minister Shinzo Abe acknowledge Japan’s past atrocity and formally apologize.

Several support groups backing the women, who are from Indonesia, the Philippines and South Korea, said the documents collected from around the world include clear evidence of coercion.

Japan apologized in 1993 over the “comfort women” system of military prostitutes before and during World War II, but it insists there is no proof the women were systematically coerced by the government, citing the lack of official Japanese documents stating so.

The Cabinet in an Abe-led

government in 2007 underscored the lack of proof. Abe recently promised Japan won’t change its 1993 apology, but is re-examining the study that was the basis of the apology. Neighboring countries have criticized Japan over its review, particularly a re-examination of interviews with former Korean victims, as an attempt to discredit the women and the issue.

“That’s a lie. We have evidence. I’m a living proof,” said Estelita Dy, an 84-year-old victim from the Philippines who was kidnapped by Japanese soldiers in 1943 when she was 12. “I feel outraged every time I hear people say we were not forced into this. That’s why I have to keep telling my story.”

She said she was happy to see the new documents and the

group’s demand to Abe being submitted to the government. Dozens of fellow victims in the Philippines have died, she said, calling for a quick resolution.

The support groups criticized the government for looking the other way since the 1993 apology and now trying to discredit the content of studies under previous governments more willing to atone for Japan’s wartime actions. The victims and their supporters demanded Abe officially acknowledge Japan’s wartime government and military established and ran the brothel system, and that the women were forced into the system against their will.

They also demanded the Abe government disclose all official records related to the issue, conduct an additional investigation and promote education.

25 years on, Tiananmen barely known to China youth

BEIJING (AP)—Born in 1989, Steve Wang sometimes wonders what happened in his hometown of Beijing that year. But his curiosity about pro-democracy protests and the crackdown on them passes quickly.

“I was not part of it,” he said. “I know it could be important, but I cannot feel it.”

A quarter century after the Communist Party’s attack on demonstrations centered on Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, it is little more than a distant tale to most young Chinese. The ruling party prohibits public discussion and 1989 is banned from textbooks and Chinese websites.

Many have managed to learn something about the crackdown, through people they know, by navigating around China’s tight Internet controls or by traveling abroad. Some are aware of the iconic image of resistance—the lone Chi-

nese man standing in front of a line of tanks moving down the Avenue of Eternal Peace.

But often, they seem not to care. They grew up in an atmosphere of nationalism and pride over two decades of strong economic growth. The turmoil caused by a student movement 25 years ago seems irrelevant to a generation more worried about finding jobs and buying an apartment.

“They basically don’t bother to try to find out further,” said Fu King-wa, a journalism professor at Hong Kong University. “Even if they learn about it, they believe in the government version.”

Rowena He, author of the book “Tiananmen Exiles,” about lives of student protesters after the crackdown, said many Chinese students abroad claim they know a lot about it, but in fact know little. “Some others would say, ‘We knew what happened, so what?’ That’s

“I was quite curious and wanted to know about it. But I could not find anything,” Wang said.

In 2010, the young man went to school in England, where he met a Hong Kong student who showed him a video of the crackdown.

World

Spain: King abdicates for his more popular son



AP
In this Wednesday, April 16, 2008, file photo, Spain’s Crown Prince Felipe talks with his father Spain’s King Juan Carlos, during a ceremony on their arrival for the opening of the Spanish Parliament in Madrid.

MADRID (AP)—King Juan Carlos, who led Spain’s transition from dictatorship to democracy but faced damaging scandals amid the nation’s financial meltdown, announced Monday he will abdicate in favor of his more popular son so that fresh royal blood can rally the nation.

While the monarchy is largely symbolic, Juan Carlos’ surprise decision may hold implications for the burning issue of Catalonia, which is to hold a

secession referendum this fall.

A constitutional revision is required to ensure Crown Prince Felipe’s first-born daughter will succeed him, and there was speculation other changes might be made to dull secessionist fervor in the wealthy northeastern region.

Juan Carlos said 46-year-old Felipe is ready to be king and will “open a new era of hope.” The son already has greater command over the hearts of

Pro-Russia rebels attack Ukrainian border guards

LUHANSK, Ukraine (AP)—Hundreds of pro-Russia rebels armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades mounted a daylong assault Monday on a key government base used to coordinate the defense of the country’s border with Russia, prompting the deployment of air support by government forces.

Border guards killed at least five rebels in repelling the attack on their base, a spokesman for the border guard service said.

In the center of Luhansk, some six miles (10 kilometers) away, a blast at an administrative building held by the insurgents claimed more lives. A health official for the Luhansk region told Interfax news agency that at least seven people had been confirmed dead in what rebels described as a government airstrike.

The government denied carrying out an airstrike and said the blast was caused by misdirected rebel fire from a portable surface-to-air missile launcher.

Russia’s Foreign Ministry swiftly condemned what it said was a government attack on the rebel-held building and urged U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Derek Chollet, who was visiting Kiev on Monday, to help calm unrest in Ukraine.

“We urge our Western partners to use their influence on Kiev, to stop Ukraine from descending into a national catastrophe,” the ministry said in a statement.

Russia also called an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to introduce a resolution calling for an immediate halt to the violence and talks to establish a ceasefire. Moscow has almost daily

WORLD BRIEFS

Polling stations open in Syria’s presidential vote

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Polling stations have opened in government-held areas in Syria for the country’s presidential election—a vote that President Bashar Assad is widely expected to win. Tuesday’s balloting comes amid a devastating, three-year civil war that activists say has killed more than 160,000 people. It’s also Syria’s first multi-candidate election in more than 50 years. The Syrian opposition and government critics have denounced the vote as a sham. The election is taking place only in areas under government control. Much of northern and eastern Syria is in rebel hands. Assad faces two government-approved challengers in the race, Maher Hajjar and Hassan al-Nouri, both of whom were little known in Syria before

declaring their candidacy for the country’s top post in April.

Israeli forces kill Palestinian who shot at them

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military says troops shot and killed a Palestinian man after he opened fire at them at a West Bank checkpoint. The military says a police officer at the crossing was wounded in the exchange. The incident Tuesday comes days after Israel says its forces caught a suicide bomber en route to an attack. He was stopped at the same checkpoint where Tuesday’s shooting occurred, in the northern West Bank. The violence comes as the Palestinian militant Hamas and the western-backed Fatah formed a unity government on Monday. Israel has denounced the alliance, saying it is a hindrance to peace.

Campus Life

Schools seek upgrades to entice healthy eating

By JAMIE STENGLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP)—Industrial blenders mix up smoothies for students in New York while some schools in California are adding salad bars. In Dallas, campus cafeterias use pass-through coolers and warmers to make sure the food is just right before it's served.

School districts across the country have made such upgrades in recent years as a way to entice children into healthier eating habits amid higher nutrition standards.

But paying for the makeovers poses a challenge for many districts, as heavy demand for a limited amount of federal money means schools must fund the projects on their own. Some have made gradual improvements, while others passed the bulk of the tab to taxpayers through large bond packages.

"... We can't do it overnight," said Dora Rivas, who oversees child nutrition for the Dallas Independent School District. "It's very difficult for school districts to do it with their regular operating costs."

The district, which is the 14th largest in the nation, has used a variety of methods—including

a \$20 million bond program, a \$372,000 federal grant and about \$5 million from its budget—to improve about 90 kitchens over the last several years. Plus, another 20 schools are in line for upgrades once the money is found.

Federal grants exist but the dollars are scarce and the competition fierce. In 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered about \$100 million for school kitchen upgrades, and received requests from almost 25,000 schools at a price of \$640 million. Since then, the allotment has shrunk significantly: \$25 million in 2010 and \$11 million last year. In April, \$25 million in grants were announced.

"The need is tremendous that is out there," said Kevin Concannon, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services. "These grants can make a significant dent but they still remain hundreds of millions of dollars in need."

Although the USDA says 90 percent of schools are meeting the updated nutrition standards that were implemented two years ago, a survey of school food service officials by the Kids' Safe and Healthful

Foods Project—a collaboration between the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—found that 88 percent of districts need at least one more piece of kitchen equipment.

Among the new standards, schools must offer more whole grains, fruit and vegetables. That means districts are seeking more refrigeration space to store large stocks of produce—such as walk-in refrigerators and freezers—as well as processors that slice and dice large amounts of food more quickly.

Debbi Beauvais, who oversees school nutrition at three school districts in Rochester, New York, said something as simple as offering breakfast smoothies meant purchasing two industrial-grade blenders for about \$1,600 each. Other improvements over the years have included a \$1 million renovation of a high school cafeteria to food court-style service.

Voter-approved bond packages are making up the difference in some districts across the nation. Fort Worth, Texas, approved \$55 million in cafeteria upgrades last fall, and the Oakland, California, district will use a \$40 million bond



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Second-graders Jaloni Smith and Mira Stuckey eat lunch at Dobbs Elementary School in Kansas City, Mo.

package to add a central kitchen and additional plumbing for salad bars.

"With this new central kitchen we'll be able to eliminate 80 percent of the packaged food and send out food in bulk to schools, where they will finish preparing the food items," said Jennifer LeBarre, who heads nutrition services for the Oakland Unified School District.

For the districts who can't find the money to upgrade their

cafeterias, they're making do—but it's not easy. For example, without adequate refrigeration for produce, districts must have more frequent deliveries, which is more expensive.

The improvements at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, which were funded by bonds and the district, are making a difference. On a recent

morning, the cafeteria crew retrieved food from their new walk-in fridge as they prepared items such as fish, oranges, cucumber salad and baked beans. An additional serving line has cut students' wait time.

"They've made my life a whole lot better," cafeteria supervisor Karen Craft said. "We love the new kitchen."

US teachers nowhere as diverse as their students

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. teachers are nowhere near as diverse as their students.

Almost half the students attending public schools are minorities, yet fewer than 1 in 5 of their teachers is nonwhite.

New studies from the Center for American Progress and the National Education Association are calling attention to this "diversity gap" at elementary and secondary schools in the United States. The groups want more to be done to help teachers more accurately mirror the students in their classrooms.

Teachers are always pushing their students to excel, said Kevin Gilbert, coordinator of teacher leadership and special projects for the Clinton Public School District in Clinton, Mississippi.

It becomes easier for students to believe "when they can look and see someone who looks just like them, that they can relate to," said Gilbert, a member of the NEA's executive committee. "Nothing can help motivate our students more than to see success standing right in front of them."

More than minority students would benefit from a more diverse teacher corps, said Ulrich Boser, the author of the center's report.

"Even in a place like North Dakota, where the students aren't particularly diverse relative to the rest of the country, it's important for our social fabric,

for our sense as a nation, that students are engaging with people who think, talk and act differently than them but can also be just as effective at raising student achievement in the classroom," he said.

There were about 3.3 million teachers in American public elementary and secondary schools in 2012, according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics. It said 82 percent were white, 8 percent were Hispanic, 7 percent were black and about 2 percent were Asian.

Students are a different story. In 1993, minority students made up 31 percent of the public school population; it was 41 percent in 2003.

The Center for American Progress' most recent statistics show 48 percent of the students in public schools are nonwhite—23 percent Hispanic, 16 percent black and 5 percent Asian—and that percentage is expected to continue to increase.

"We project that this fall, for the first time in American history, the majority of public school students in America will be nonwhite," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said last week.

Hispanics have passed blacks as the largest minority group of teachers, just as there are more Hispanic students than African-Americans in the public school system. This tracks with the increases in the number of Hispanics in the United States, with Latinos the largest minority group in the country and the fastest-growing.

Death and Funeral Announcement

†Jose Repeki Olaitiman

Born to life on February 04, 1948 and was called to eternal life on May 31, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Mother: †Angelina Mettao Repeki- Olaitiman
Father: †Miguel Sogholigharagh Olaitiman
Brother & Sisters: †Dionicio R. & †Andresina W. Olaitiman,
†Ana O. & †Alex Takisang, †Angelina Olaitiman

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

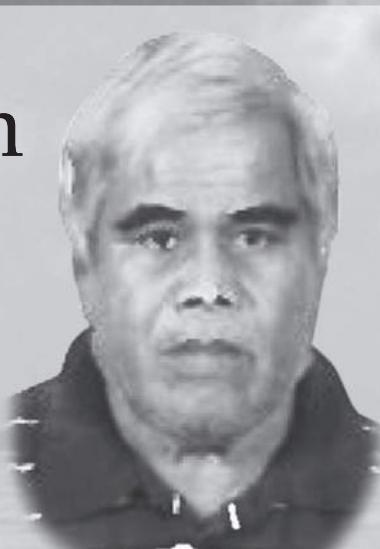
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Doris O. Epina & Joseph and children
William Joseph K. Olaitiman & Cristine and children
Angelina K. Olaitiman & Vince and children
Connie K. Olaitiman

Reared Children: Kimiko W. Kaipat & Ofa and children, Junios W. Sos

Brothers & Sisters In-Law: Sylvestre Rogolifoi, William & Estella Kaipat, Donicia K. Tom & Johanes

He is survived by 19 Grandchildren and 1 great-grand child

He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, colleagues and friends.



Mass of Intentions is being offered at San Jose Church at 6:00AM and at Santa Soledad Church at 6:00PM. Nightly Rosary is being said at 7:00PM at the family residence in Kagman 2

On Friday, June 06, 2014, his remains will be escorted from CHCC at 2:30p.m. to the family residence in Kagman II followed by rosario. Holy Rosary will be said at 7:00PM

On Saturday, June 07, 2014 his remains will be escorted at 9:30AM to Santa Soledad Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Olomwaay, Si Yuus Ma'ase, and Thank You

The Family



Life & Style

Rihanna honored for style at annual fashion awards

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

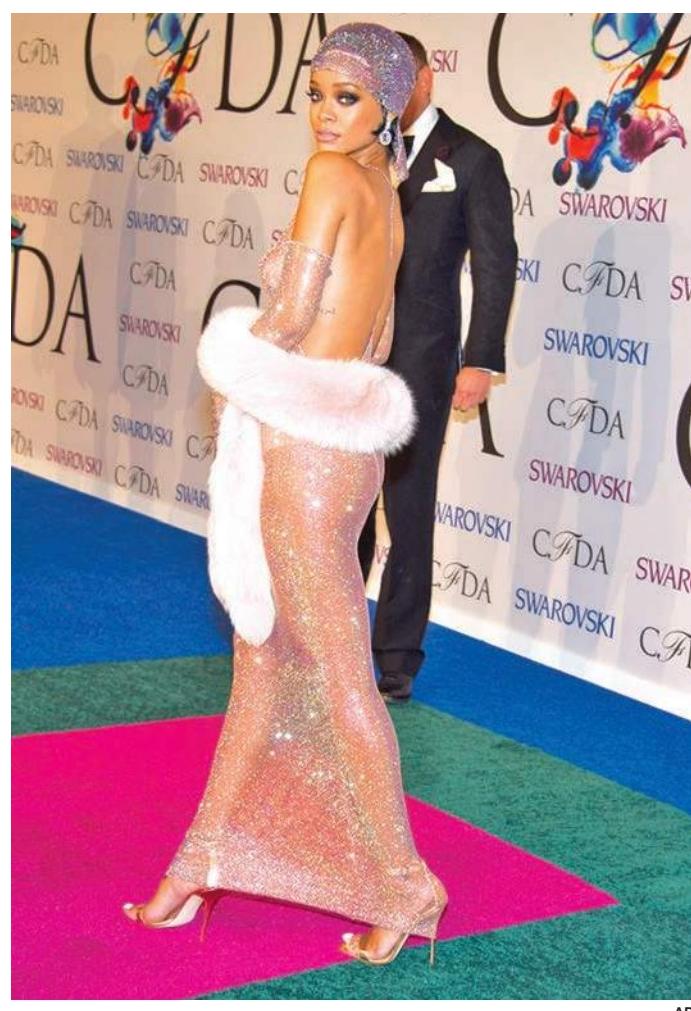
NEW YORK (AP)—Fashion rules are made to be broken, Rihanna told a glittering crowd of fashion industry leaders on Monday, and her outfit dramatically conveyed that message: a sheer fishnet gown, sparkling with thousands of embedded crystals, that left little underneath to the imagination.

The singer cemented her role as a fashion luminary by receiving the 2014 Fashion Icon Award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America. Her trophy was presented by Anna Wintour, the powerful Vogue editor, who said that with Rihanna, “the point is to be audacious—even jaw-dropping or button-pushing.”

Accepting the award, Rihanna spoke of her origins in Barbados, where “I didn’t have a lot of access to fashion.” But, she said: “Fashion has always been my defense mechanism.” Even as a child, she told the crowd, she used to think: “She can beat me, but she can’t beat my outfit.”

“I can compensate for all my weaknesses with my fashion,” she said, adding: “There are rules, but rules are meant to be broken.”

Also honored at the annual CFDA ceremony at Lincoln Center were a number of top designers. Joseph Altuzarra won the womenswear award, and the menswear prize went to Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne, the duo behind the



Rihanna attends the CFDA Fashion Awards on Monday, June 2, 2014 in New York.

Illinois woman's win streak on 'Jeopardy!' ends

By LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION

Public School label. Sisters Ashley Olsen and Mary-Kate Olsen of The Row won the accessories award.

The international award went to Raf Simons of Dior, and the CFDA lifetime achievement award went to designer Tom Ford, who quipped that he hoped it didn’t spell the end of his career.

“Please have me back in another 25 years,” Ford joked. “I promise I’ll wear a toupee and walk with a cane.”

An emotional high point of the ceremony was the bestowing of the prestigious Founders Award to Bethann Hardison, a former model and modeling agent who has been a vocal champion for diversity on runways.

She was introduced by model Naomi Campbell, who choked up when she described her admiration for Hardison. When Hardison came onstage to accept her trophy, so did 16 models of color, standing behind her and smiling. She spoke passionately of the need for diverse runways—“just let them model,” she said—and added that things were improving throughout the industry on that score.

The annual CFDA show, hosted this year by director and screenwriter John Waters, always draws a mix of fashion insiders and Hollywood. This year, one of the biggest names was Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong’o, who presented the womenswear award to Altuzarra.



Collins

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The reign of the winningest female contestant in “Jeopardy!” history has come to an end.

Julia Collins, 31, lost during her 21st appearance on the pre-taped episode that aired Monday. The Chicago-area resident accumulated a total of \$428,100 during her 20 victories on the syndicated series.

Collins was vanquished by Brian Loughnane, an invest-

ment operations manager from Scituate, Massachusetts. Collins went into the final-question showdown in second place, bet everything and lost it.

Loughnane, who is from Ireland, won

\$22,600.

The clue that stumped her: The New England writer who in 1999 became the last person to win an Oscar for adapting his own novel as a screenplay. She failed to answer with the correct question: Who is John Irving? His novel

and film are titled “The Cider House Rules.”

Monday’s game overall “just didn’t go my way,” Collins said in a phone interview, adding, “I couldn’t have loved being on the show more.”

Host Alex Trebek’s salute to Collins after her streak ended: “Well done, young lady.”

Collins said she was glad her record might serve as an example of female achievement.

“If it helps dispel the idea that women aren’t as good ‘Jeopardy!’ players as men, that would be great,” she said. “It’s good to see women being

applauded for being smart.”

Her winnings helped finance a dream trip to Paris, where she rented an apartment for a month. Some may fund future travel adventures, Collins said.

The management consultant, who’s been enjoying a hiatus thanks to “Jeopardy!”, said she plans to get back into the work world.

The previous top female player for consecutive wins was Stephanie Jass, who took seven games in a row in season 29. Collins displaced her and Larissa Kelly, who was No. 1 in total winnings with \$222,597.

*First Year Anniversary
of Eternal Life*

 A large portrait of a man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit and tie, looking slightly to the side. A white dove is flying to the right of his head.

We, the family of the late

†Anthony Pellegrino
“TONY”

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Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.
Thank you to everyone!

*From loving wife Milagros P. Pellegrino, Children and Family
Margaret “Miki” Pellegrino, Neil Charles Pellegrino, Abel O. Pellegrino,
Julian O. Pellegrino, Prunella O. Pellegrino, grandson Andrew & wife Regina*

Miley Cyrus' stolen Maserati located by police

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police say they have recovered a luxury car that was stolen from Miley Cyrus' home last week.

Los Angeles police Lt. Andy Neiman says Cyrus' 2014 Maserati was found

Monday afternoon in Simi Valley, a city about 45 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Neiman says detectives are searching the car for evidence, but there's no new

information about the two people suspected of taking it from Cyrus' home.

Police have said a man and a woman scaled a fence and got inside the house and garage while no one was home Fri-

day. The car and an unknown amount of jewelry were stolen from the home.

Police have asked anyone with information about the crime to call burglary detectives at the North Hollywood station.

Man arrested on red carpet says he never hit Pitt

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The ex-journalist who was arrested after jostling with Brad Pitt at a film premiere last week said Monday he was merely trying to give the actor a hug and didn't mean him any harm.

Vitalii Sediuk, a former Ukrainian television reporter, told The Associated Press in an interview that he was in a fan area of the event that was open to the public when he went in to give the actor a hug. Sediuk, 25, has gained a reputation for outlandish pranks on red carpets in Moscow, Los Angeles and last month, at the Cannes Film Festival when he crawled underneath America Ferrera's dress at a film premiere.

His contact with Pitt, which caused the actor to lose balance while he was signing autographs at the "Maleficent" film premiere on Wednesday, led to Sediuk's arrest. He spent two days in jail, where he said he watched television coverage of the incident, before pleading no contest to battery and unlawful activity at a sporting or entertainment event Friday. He was sentenced Friday to three years of probation, a year's worth of psychiatric counseling and ordered to stay away from Pitt.

"I'm a normal guy," Sediuk said. "I'm not crazy."

The 6-foot-2 native of Boryspol, Ukraine said he initially



Vitalii Sediuk poses at the AP office on Monday, June 2, 2014, in Los Angeles.

wasn't near the front of the fan area where Pitt was signing autographs last week, but saw paparazzi leave one area and headed for it. He said he stood on a metal railing and reached over to give Pitt a hug, toppling onto the carpet area as security grabbed him.

Sediuk was attempting to grab Pitt's crotch and the actor gave him a couple of hits to the back of the head, the actor wrote in a statement to People magazine after Sediuk's interview.

"I don't mind an exhibitionist, but if this guy keeps it up he's going to spoil it for the fans who have waited up all night for an

autograph or a selfie, because it will make people more wary to approach a crowd," Pitt wrote. "And he should know, if he tries to look up a woman's dress again, he's going to get stomped."

Sediuk said his antics should lead to a re-examination of security procedures at high-profile entertainment events.

The former journalist has hugged the crotches of Bradley Cooper and Leonardo Di Caprio and crashed the 2013 Grammy Awards said the primary purpose for his pranks is entertainment. "I'm doing this for fun," he said.

He avoided a similar stunt at

the "Maleficent" premiere because he said he knew children would be at the event.

Sediuk has been fired by the Ukrainian television station 1+1 and said he does not know what his next steps will be. He said he intends to spend the next few months focusing on fulfilling his sentence in the Pitt incident, which include community service and a restraining order preventing him from going near Hollywood events.

He said he would like to remain in the entertainment field, working as a movie director or appearing in a reality show, and would continue work as a journalist—if anyone will hire him.

Sediuk said he wouldn't give up pranks, but knew that his days of getting close to celebrities in Hollywood were at an end. Any future stunts would be done legally, he said, and "in a polite way."

He said his antics should lead stars and event organizers to reconsider their security procedures.

"Don't get offended at me. Don't get mad at me. And just to be thankful that I show it's easy to get access to you and maybe you have to tighten security," Sediuk said. He said celebrities should be cautious when talking to fans. "Obviously, I don't want to say, 'Don't talk to fans.' But (be) cautious."

Weiner recently wrote and directed his first feature film, "You Are Here," starring Owen Wilson, Zack Galifianakis and Amy Poehler, which will open later this summer.

Judge: Kasem can go home to wife if doctors approve it

PORT ORCHARD, Wash.

(AP)—Ailing radio personality Casey Kasem can return to the Washington state home where he's been staying with his wife if doctors approve, a judge said Monday.

The ruling came a day after Kasem, 82, was taken by ambulance to a medical facility after an argument between his wife and one of his daughters.

"If you need to know why I did it—when a person is about to pass away, there are always rabid dogs," Jean Kasem told reporters in response to a question after Monday's court session.

A doctor was present when Casey Kasem was removed from the home, the sheriff's spokesman said. Kerri Kasem accompanied her father when the ambulance took him to receive care, Deraney said. His condition could not be determined.

Kerri Kasem said in court Friday that her father is suffering from bedsores and lung and bladder infections. Forbes ruled then that she could have a doctor of her choosing examine her father.

Authorities responded Sunday to a 911 call at the house and found Jean and Kerri Kasem arguing, said Deputy Scott Wilson, a Kitsap County sheriff's spokesman.

Danny Deraney, a spokesman for Kerri Kasem, said Jean Kasem tossed a package of ground meat at her stepdaughter.

The ruling marked the latest twist in the ongoing dispute between Jean Kasem and her stepdaughter, Kerri Kasem, who has said in legal filings that her father suffers from a form of dementia. They have been contesting who should make decisions about the entertainer's care.

Trent Reznor to remain with Beats By Dre

NEW YORK (AP)—Trent Reznor and officials at Beats By Dre agree: Reznor is still with the company.

Reznor tweeted Monday afternoon that he remains the company's chief creative officer. Apple Inc. bought the headphones and streaming music company last week in a \$3 billion deal.

Early reports last week speculated that the Nine Inch Nails leader would not follow Beats founders Jimmy Iovine and Dr. Dre to Apple as the company is absorbed. He wrote "YES I am still CCO of Beats Music and looking forward to what lies ahead with Apple" on Twitter. A spokeswoman with Beats confirms that Reznor remains CCO



Reznor

and that role will not change.

The Grammy and Oscar winner joined Beats in January 2013 when plans to enter the streaming market were launched.

'Mad Men' creator to receive honorary Int'l Emmy

NEW YORK (AP)—"Mad Men" creator and executive producer Matthew Weiner is being honored with the 2014 International Emmy Founders Award.

The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

announced Monday that Weiner will be presented the honorary award on Nov. 24 at the International Emmy Awards Gala in New York.

Academy President & CEO Bruce L. Paisner says Weiner is

being recognized for "creating a global cultural phenomenon that has dramatically changed the television landscape." The AMC drama about a Madison Avenue advertising agency in the 1960s premiered in 2007 and will air its final seven episodes next year.

Weiner recently wrote and directed his first feature film,

"You Are Here," starring Owen Wilson, Zack Galifianakis and Amy Poehler, which will open later this summer.

Aging population will cause Alzheimer's numbers to soar

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: More and more of my friends are trying to work and take care of parents who have Alzheimer's disease. One of my closest friends' husbands was recently diagnosed with it. He is only 62. I thought Alzheimer's was only memory loss, but it seems like so much more. His personality has changed. She tells me he gets angry with her when she tries to help him.

What exactly is Alzheimer's, and what can be done to stop it?

UNSURE IN OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

DEAR UNSURE: I'm sorry to say—from personal experience—that Alzheimer's disease, while often thought of as "minor memory loss," is a disease that is ultimately fatal. Its cause is not yet understood. I lost my mother to it. Alzheimer's kills nerve cells and tissue in the brain, causing it to shrink dramatically. It affects

a person's ability to communicate, to think and, eventually, to breathe. At least 44 million people worldwide are now living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. As our populations age, those numbers will swell to 76 million by 2030.

Currently there is no way to prevent, stop or even to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Some drugs manage the symptoms, but only temporarily. This is why more funding for Alzheimer's and more support for the families who are caring for loved ones who have it are so urgently needed. Please suggest to your friend that she contact the Alzheimer's Association for help because it offers support groups for spouses.

Readers, June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. If you are concerned about Alzheimer's disease—and we all should be—you can get involved by joining the global fight against this very nasty disease. To learn more, visit alz.org/abam.

DEAR ABBY: I'm currently dating a man who is 10 years older than I am. I'm 24; he's 34. We have known each other for two years and we live together. He has two beautiful daughters I adore.

His older daughter, "Pearl" (age 12), called me "Mom" the other night, and then asked me if it was OK. I'm not their mother, and I

would never try to take that role away from my boyfriend's ex, but this puts me in an awkward situation. As much as I love his girls, I don't want to cause drama or have Pearl get in trouble with her mother.

SHE CALLED ME MOM

DEAR CALLED ME MOM: Talk to Pearl. Tell her you were touched knowing she feels that way about you and deeply flattered when she called you "Mom," but you feel if her mother knew about it that she would be hurt. (This is especially true if the girls live with their mother.) Then ask Pearl to come up with another affectionate name for you, or suggest one to her.

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Vulnerable? Bad back? Nadal keeps winning in Paris



PARIS (AP)— Maybe, just maybe, Rafael Nadal was a tad vulnerable, the thinking went before this French Open.

He had lost three times on his beloved red clay already this year, more defeats than he ever had on the surface before heading to Roland Garros.

Then came an admission, after the Grand Slam tournament's third round, that his back was bothering him and slowing his serves.

Well, leave it to the eight-time French Open champion's upcoming quarterfinal opponent—2013 runner-up David Ferrer, one of the men who beat Nadal on clay this spring—to set the record straight.

"Rafael," Ferrer said, "is always the favorite."

Nadal certainly looked the part in the fourth round Monday, when he won 18 points in a row during one stretch en route to beating 83rd-ranked Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 for a record 32nd consecutive victory at the French Open. That broke Nadal's own mark of 31 and moved him a step closer to a fifth straight title in Paris.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal, now 63-1 for his career at the tournament, has won all 12 sets he's played in Paris in 2014, dropping a total of 23 games. He was asked whether he would have preferred a more taxing encounter by now.

"You never know what's better," replied Nadal, whose audience at Court Philippe Chatrier included musician Prince. "But, in theory, the theory says that it's better (to) win like this than win longer matches."

And his back? The one that flummoxed him during a loss in the Australian Open final



Spain's Rafael Nadal shakes the sweat off his head after winning his fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Serbia's Dusan Lajovic at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Monday, June 2, 2014. AP

in January, and then acted up Saturday, leading to an average first serve of 102 mph (165 kph) and top speed of 114 mph (184 kph)? It didn't appear to be as much of an issue against Lajovic: Nadal averaged 107 mph (173 kph), with a high of 119 mph (192 kph).

"My back can be pretty unpredictable," said Nadal, who wore

thick vertical strips of athletic tape under his shirt. "I'm not lying. It's totally unpredictable. I don't want to speak too much about it."

OK, then.

Now he takes on No. 5 Ferrer, who eliminated No. 19 Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Last year's French Open final is one of 21 losses for Fer-

rer in 27 matches against fellow Spaniard Nadal. But Ferrer won their most recent meeting in straight sets, on April 18 at the Monte Carlo Masters.

As Ferrer himself noted, though, that was a best-of-three-set match. They'll be playing best-of-five on Wednesday.

"Tactically, I will have to be perfect," Ferrer said. "I hope

that I will instill some doubts in Rafa's mind, but if we play at our best level, both of us, he will be a better player."

The other quarterfinal on the top half of the draw will be Wimbledon champion Andy Murray against 23rd-seeded Gael Monfils of France.

No. 7 Murray beat No. 24 Fernando Verdasco of Spain

6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (3) in a match marked by a wild third set. Verdasco held to get within 4-3 with an apparent service winner, but chair umpire Pascal Maria said that point should be replayed because a line judge called the ball out. That prompted Verdasco to begin berating Maria, shouting "Are you kidding me?" and saying he wanted a tournament supervisor to intervene—until Murray conceded the point.

Later, Verdasco said he's had several bad experiences with Maria.

"He's not the kind of umpire I get along with, I can tell you that," Verdasco said.

Monfils advanced with a much more staid 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 win against 41st-ranked Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain.

Two women's quarterfinals will be No. 4 Simona Halep of Romania vs. 2009 French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, and 2012 runner-up Sara Errani of Italy vs. No. 28 Andrea Petkovic of Germany.

"I played aggressive," Halep said after defeating the last American singles player left in the tournament, No. 15 Sloane Stephens, 6-4, 6-3. "I dominated the match, I think."

Petkovic's 1-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory over 148th-ranked Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands was the only three-setter for women on Monday, a two-hour struggle filled with 77 unforced errors and 14 service breaks.

Afterward, the well-read Petkovic conducted that rare sports-event news conference sprinkled with references to Nietzsche, Sartre and Camus.

During an earlier on-court interview, Petkovic's explanation of how she turned the match around was less, well, worldly: "I told myself, 'Andrea, shut up and play aggressively.'"

past five games.

Alex Cobb (1-3) paid dearly for a rocky start. The Marlins scored three times in the first, when their first four batters reached. Casey McGehee hit a two-run single, and a bases-loaded double play scored another run.

Brewers 6, Twins 2

In Milwaukee, Matt Garza took a shutout into the seventh inning and Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer, sending Milwaukee past Minnesota.

Garza (3-4) scattered six hits over 6 1-3 scoreless innings against the team that brought him to the big leagues in 2006. The right-hander, signed to a \$50 million, four-year deal as a free agent in the offseason, struck out eight and walked two for his first win since May 5.

Jonathan Lucroy homered and hit an RBI single.

Kyle Gibson (4-5) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings. He has won just one of his last eight starts after winning his first three.

Red Sox can't solve Masterson, lose 3-2 to Indians



CLEVELAND (AP) —

Justin

Masterson found the strike zone after a rocky start and pitched seven scoreless innings as the Cleveland Indians ended Boston's seven-game winning streak.

Masterson (3-4) walked four in the first three innings, but settled in and won for the first time in five starts. He allowed just three singles and struck out a season-high 10.

Lonnie Chisenhall hit a two-run single in the first off John Lackey (6-4) as the Indians won their fourth straight.

Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run homer in the Boston eighth off Bryan Shaw. Cody Allen worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Red Sox shortstop Stephen Drew went 0 for 2 with a walk in his season debut. He re-signed as a free agent last month.

Boston outfielder Grady Sizemore went 0 for 4 — he

Royals 6, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Danny Duffy worked six innings of one-hit ball and Alex Gordon homered to start a three-run seventh for Kansas City in a victory over suddenly punchless St. Louis.

The Royals had just two singles off Shelby Miller (6-5) in a scoreless game before they opened the seventh with four straight hits. Gordon's fifth homer ended a 15-inning scoreless drought and Mike Moustakas capped the rally with a two-run double.

Robinson Cano again got booed by Yankees fans in this makeup of an April 30 rainout. Out four games with a bruised left hand, the former Yankees star was 1 for 3 with two walks. He drew a mocking cheer when he was picked off by David Phelps (1-3).

Seattle won its third in a row. Seager became the first major leaguer to hit two triples and at least one homer and one double since Hal Breeden for Montreal in 1973, STATS said.

Mets 11, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Wilmer Flores hit a grand slam and drove in

a career-high six runs and Bartolo Colon threw seven-plus sharp innings as New York beat Philadelphia in a makeup from an April rainout.

After playing 39 innings in the three previous games, the teams finally didn't go extras. The Mets took four of five from the Phillies and are 9-1 in Citizens Bank Park, dating to last season.

Colon (5-5) allowed two runs and six hits to win his third straight decision. The 41-year-old righty has a 1.61 ERA in his last three outings.

Matt Holliday had two singles and a walk for the Cardinals, who have been shut out in consecutive games.

Duffy (3-5) struck out five and walked one, rebounding from consecutive losses in which he allowed 10 earned runs in 10 innings. Three relievers completed a three-hitter.

Marlins 3, Rays 1

In Miami, Randy Wolf pitched six innings for his first victory

since 2012 as Miami handed Tampa Bay its seventh consecutive loss.

The 37-year-old Wolf (1-1), making a comeback from the second Tommy John surgery of his career, allowed three hits and one run. He struck out seven, walked one and won for the first time since he pitched Baltimore past Tampa Bay on Sept. 13, 2012.

The Rays fell to 0-7 on their eight-game trip. They're 12 games below .500 for the first time since 2007, and their record (23-35) is the worst in the American League.

Four Miami relievers completed the six-hitter, and Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth for his 12th save in 13 chances. The Marlins snapped a streak of four consecutive home losses as they started a four-game home-and-home series against their intrastate rivals.

The Rays went 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position. They've scored six runs in their

Heat locking in on Finals, not what summer brings



MIAMI (AP)—For the Miami Heat, it's all about June.

July can wait.

Four years ago, when LeBron James uttered that now-infamous phrase—"not two, not three, not four, not five ..."—about how many championships he hoped to win with the Heat, it was almost immediately turned into a punch line. It rings prophetic in some ways now, with the Heat back in the NBA Finals for a fourth consecutive season.

How the Heat fare against in their NBA Finals rematch with the San Antonio Spurs might dictate what happens in July, when James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade can become free agents if they choose. A looming offseason of decisions has been a taboo subject for the Heat "Big 3" this season, and Wade insisted Monday that Miami's stars have not said a word to each other about what may or may not happen.

"I'm not lying," Wade said.

Still, as long as Miami keeps winning, it seems logical the "Big 3" will stay together.

"I want to come back. That's OK to say, I think," Bosh said Monday after the Heat finished their first workout in preparation for the NBA Finals, which begin Thursday in San Antonio. "I can't speak for anything else and I don't want to take away from the subject at hand, but I like it here. It's Miami. Enough said. People are dying to get here."

Regardless of the outcome of this Heat-Spurs series, there will be changes to the Heat, which is an annual rite for just

about every team. James, Wade and Bosh can all opt out of their current deals. Shane Battier is retiring, Ray Allen may think about doing the same, while Mario Chalmers, James Jones and Rashard Lewis are notable free-agents-in-waiting.

It's not just the "Big 3" who aren't thinking too far ahead, yet.

Allen said no one in the room is looking past anything but this series—especially with the Spurs' Tim Duncan saying San Antonio will get it done this year after falling short against the Heat last season. But as James noted, both teams have their own motivation.

"That's the great thing about having veterans," Allen said. "Nobody worries about what's not here yet."

Winning a third straight title could make some of those stay-or-go decisions pretty simple. And Wade believes Miami's legacy has been secured.

"Whenever it's all said and done, the legacy of this team, it's going to be a great team," Wade said. "It's going to go down in history as an unbelievable team not only in South Florida but in NBA history."

Given that, it's easy to see why so much attention gets paid to how long this team can stay together.

Bosh, Wade and James all made it very clear in September that they were not going to let the summer of 2014 turn into the circus that the summer of 2010 was, when all three became free agents and decided to bring their talents together.

Entering the season, James said that his teammates "under-

stand where I stand" regarding the future. And on Monday, James said he wasn't going to let himself be distracted by thinking about what impact the result of these NBA Finals will have on the legacy the Heat have created over the last four seasons.

"No, because I live in the moment," James said. "It's almost the same with my individual accomplishments. I never really understand them. The only time I'll be able to appreciate it is when I'm done playing the game. I'm in the moment. I don't even think about it."

Bosh was the last player off the practice floor Monday. And when the conversation turned to what happens after these finals, he was reluctant, he said, to think about anything beyond Game 1 on Thursday night.

"It's difficult enough concentrating on trying to get back to this point, let alone trying to win it," Bosh said. "We've done that before. All of us made a lot of mistakes in 2010, which is going to happen because that was our first time being in it. But now, not only are we vets in the league, with playoff experience, we know what to expect."

What decisions to expect this summer, that's another story.

"We still don't know," Battier said. "It's hard to explain with our group. We have a bunch of guys that sort of go with the flow. I think when the Big 3 signed here there was talk of legacy and there was talk of history. That's all academic at that point. Once you put the uniform on it's about competing your tail off and putting yourself in position to win, which we have."



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade holds his son Zion after his team won the Eastern Conference Championship, Friday, May 30, 2014, in Miami.

5 things to know about the NBA Finals

MIAMI (AP)—Here are five things to know as anticipation builds for the NBA Finals rematch between the San Antonio Spurs and Miami Heat. The series starts in San Antonio on Thursday night:

GAME 1 FACTS: The Spurs have never lost Game 1 of an NBA Finals. And Miami star LeBron James has never been part of a Game 1 road victory, in any round.

Advantage, Spurs?

Maybe. Maybe not.

San Antonio—which has never played an NBA Finals game while facing a deficit in the series—has won each of its five Game 1's in the title round, doing so by an average of 10.4 points per game.

Including his time in Cleveland, James has been on teams that opened playoff series on the road seven times. They're 0-7, losing by an average of 12.3 points.

But in four of those seven occurrences, including all three times it's happened with Miami, James and his team eventually

won the series.

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ALL THEY DO IS WIN: Over the last decade, no one has come close to matching the playoff win totals of the Spurs and Heat.

Since the start of the 2005 playoffs, including the first three rounds this year, San Antonio has a league-best 92 playoff victories, while Miami has won 89 playoff games.

No other franchise is even close: The Celtics and Lakers have both won 59 playoff games during that span.

Miami has the best playoff winning percentage in the last 10 postseasons, its mark there of .654 just edging San Antonio's mark of .626.

There's six teams who don't even have 10 wins in the last 10 years—the Knicks (7), Raptors (6), Bucks (4), Kings (3), Bobcats-now-Hornets (0) and Timberwolves (not just zero wins, but also zero playoff games played).

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A LAST BIT OF REST: Apparently, two days without practice is a standard perk for

winning a conference title in the NBA these days.

The Heat ousted Indiana on Friday night, then took Saturday and Sunday off to refresh and recharge. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra summoned his team for practice on Monday morning.

The Spurs aren't planning to do anything officially basketball-related until Tuesday. They eliminated Oklahoma City on Saturday night, and had no practices scheduled on either Sunday or Monday—which, if nothing else, figures to give Tony Parker plenty of time to work on improving the condition of his sprained left ankle.

Parker sat out the second half of the Spurs' West-clinching win at Oklahoma City because of the ankle problem.

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RESPECT LEVEL: Oh, there will be a high level of physicality in this series, for certain.

But something like, say, blowing into an opponent's ear, we can safely dismiss that as a realistic possibility during these NBA Finals.

There is genuine respect between the franchises, perhaps best proven by how Spurs coach Gregg Popovich warmly embraced any Heat player or coach he could reach after Game 7 ended a year ago.

Frankly, the Heat won't miss the Lance Stephenson-antics—like blowing into LeBron James' ear—and the endless questions about those moves.

"It's an annoyance," Heat forward Shane Battier said. "It's nice we don't have to deal with that anymore. ... It's about basketball and not all of the chicanery that went on."

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MONEY AT STAKE: There's \$14 million in the league's playoff pool this season, and as if the Heat and Spurs weren't motivated enough by the chance to hold another Larry O'Brien Trophy, there's also some cash at stake.

The Spurs are already assured of taking home a total of \$3,268,347 from that pool, a figure that would rise to \$4,104,811 by winning the NBA championship.

Bulls' Noah headlines NBA's all-defensive team

Chicago's Joakim Noah and Indiana's Paul George received the most votes on this year's NBA all-defensive team, released Monday.

Less than two months after a landslide victory in balloting for the league's defensive player of the year, Noah was the only player to receive more than 100 first-team votes and earn more than 200 points for the team.

Noah received 105 of 123 possible votes, while George had 65 votes. The rest of the first team consisted of Clippers guard Chris Paul, Oklahoma City forward Serge Ibaka and Golden State swingman Andre Iguodala.

It's the second consecutive year Noah was chosen to the first team.

Four-time league MVP LeBron James and defensive player of the year runner-up Roy Hibbert were both on the second team.

Noah dominated on the defensive end this season, joining Andre Drummond of Detroit and Anthony Davis of New Orleans as the only players in the league to average at least 10.0 rebounds, 1.5 blocks and 1.2 steals. Noah finished sixth in

the league in rebounding (11.3), 12th in blocks (1.51) and helped the Bulls hold opponents to 43.0 percent field goal shooting, the second-best mark in the league. He also had 1.24 steals per game.

George, widely considered one of the league's best two-way players at age 24, finished fifth in the league in steals (1.89) and was the only player in the NBA to average at least 6.5 rebounds and 1.8 steals.

Paul received 64 first-team votes after winning his sixth steals title (2.48). Ibaka made his presence felt in the Western Conference finals. After getting beaten twice in San Antonio without him, the Thunder won the next two games on their home court with Ibaka. The Spurs eventually won the series 4-2.

Iguodala averaged 1.5 steals as the Warriors jumped from No. 19 in defense in 2012-13 to 10th this season. James and Iguodala each received 57 first-team votes but Iguodala had 14 more second-team votes to edge out James for the final spot on the first team.

Cowboys looking at many options without Sean Lee



IRVING, Tex- as (AP)—Justin Durant was as sick as anyone to see Sean Lee go down with a torn knee ligament in the first offseason practice for the Dallas Cowboys.

To suggest the injury gives Durant an opportunity to be the starting middle linebacker sort of turns the eight-year veteran's stomach.

"It hurt me seriously to my core," Durant said of the left ACL injury that is likely to keep Lee out in 2014. "I just look at it as my trying to step up and fill some big shoes."

Durant isn't the only option under consideration by the Cowboys, who still haven't specified Lee's injury or said how long they expect him to be sidelined.

Fourth-round pick Anthony Hitchens wasn't far behind Durant for the start of the second week of offseason practice Monday, the same day Hitchens

signed his rookie contract. And second-year player DeVonte Holloman worked off to the side, nursing a sore hamstring. If one of those three isn't at the center of the Dallas defense in the season opener against San Francisco in about three months, it will probably be someone off the streets.

The Cowboys aren't in a hurry to decide.

"I don't have timetables," linebackers coach Matt Eberflus said. "I really don't. Like I said, just working with who's on the grass."

Durant and Holloman started the last three games of 2013 after Lee was sidelined by a neck injury.

Durant made the first of those three starts before a hamstring injury sidelined him. Holloman took the last two, and had the first two sacks of his career in the season finale against Philadelphia.

But Holloman hasn't made it the practice field this offseason because of a hamstring injury after the sixth-round pick

missed seven games his rookie season with a neck problem. And he was drafted as an outside linebacker.

"The reason he's valuable is he's got position flex," Eberflus said. "Where he fits in the lineup I'm not sure yet. But he'll decide that with his play."

A year after coming to Dallas as a free agent who figured to be a backup, Durant finds himself by far the most experienced option to replace Lee. And that could mean a more vocal role for a guy who blended into the background his first year with the Cowboys.

"Sean of course is a huge leader on our defense," said Durant, who has started 74 of 89 games in his first seven years. "I'm going to be me but I'm also going to step up and I'm going step in and do some things sometimes."

Hitchens was drafted a couple of rounds earlier than most projections, with Dallas thinking about insurance after Lee missed almost half the previous



AP

Dallas Cowboys linebackers coach Matt Eberflus instructs Bruce Carter and others as they run drills during an NFL football organized team activity, Monday, June 2, 2014, in Irving, Texas.

two seasons with injuries. The Cowboys didn't figure on having to cash in on that policy so quickly.

"I just take it as this is my job and this is what they brought me in here for," Hitchens said. "I signed up for this. I usually

don't look ahead."

If he's looking ahead, coach Jason Garrett isn't saying. The coach wouldn't rule out a return in 2014 by Lee, who has missed 18 games in four seasons with hamstring, wrist, toe and neck injuries.

"We feel like we have more guys to start with than we had last year at this time," Garrett said. "We want to be sure those guys get an opportunity to show us what they can do. We're also trying to find the best three linebackers."

PIU hosts 2K/5K dundraiser this Saturday

Pacific Islands University, a U.S.-accredited institution in Mangilao, will be hosting a 2K/5K fundraiser this Saturday, June 7, beginning at the Chamorro Village to Adelup and back to Chamorro Village. Show time at 5am and go time is at 6am.

This is not the first time PIU has hosted a 5K run, but it is the first time they have included a 2K route. The addition to the 2K

route was intended to make the event more accessible to families with children or those who would like to participate in the shorter route. With the inclusion of the 2K, PIU has created special kids race designations and will be awarding certificates to top finishers in each of the kids divisions. There will also be activities just for the kids after the race.

For more information about the

event, call the PIU office at (671) 734-1812 or visit their website at www.PIU.edu.

Those interested can register at Hornet Sports, Faith Bookstore, the Mangilao Mayor's Office or the PIU Office. Registration forms can be downloaded from PIU: <http://www.piu.edu>.

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his 30 markers. Kelvin Fitial chipped in 17, Patrick Salalila had 16, while John Jugos added 13. Chris Lansang and Stanley Tuwon contributed 12 and 11, respectively, to complete Puerto Rico's balance offense.

Puerto Rico took control of the game in the third quarter, as it posted 31 big points to turn a 54-56 halftime deficit to an 85-74 advantage. Puerto Rico kept its safe distance with Saplan's guns still blazing, adding 12

more points in the final period.

THURSDAY First Game

Island Manpower 125 – Bisana 32, Tabora 24, Pangilinan 22, Norita 16, Capalad 8, Lizama 7, Tobias 2.

Pelicans 124 – Ogunmoro 34, Santos 25, Brennan 22, Camacho 16, Reyes 12, Lampkin 6, Babauta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-14, 39-35, 63-65, 95-79.

SUNDAY Second Game

Docomo 95 – Diaz 31, Villacrusis 30, Camacho 12, Berline 7,

Sanciangco 4, Tudela 2, Alvarez 2. **Shocker Nation 79** – Cadang 23, Cabrera 17, De Leon Guerrero 13, Palacios 10, Dela Cruz 6, De Leon 2, Saturno 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-14, 39-35, 63-65, 95-79.

SUNDAY

Puerto Rico 109 – Saplan 30, Fitial 17 Salalila 16, Jugos 13, Lansang 12, Tuwon 11.

Olivos Team 100 – Talania 30, Moises 22, Barrios 21, Capalad 15, Camacho 6, Mina 3.

Scoring by quarters: 28-27, 54-56, 85-74, 109-100.

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crosscourt returns. Arago made the match-winning crosscourt shot when he received a return from Bluutjens on his right side and hit a short cross. Bluutjens then quickly headed from his right to left side, but was still not squared off for the shot and made a strong return with the shuttlecock going out of the right sideline of their foes' court.

With the tough victory, Arago and Bartolome, who came from a 5-11 deficit at the break of the deciding third game, will challenge Andreau Galvez and Jen Savellano in the finals this weekend. Galvez and Savellano also needed three sets to out-

Pangilinan, 21-16, 22-24, 21-19. Savellano and Galvez advanced into the semis after placing first in Group 1 and beating Arago and Bartolome in the tiebreak via the win-over-the-other rule. The Pangilinans finished second behind Choi and Bluutjens with their 3-1 slate and will face the latter pair anew in the battle for third place, also this weekend.

Meanwhile, the final pairings in two other mixed doubles divisions were also completed over the weekend.

In the mixed doubles B, it will be the tandem of Deether Edralin and Havikka Farro versus the pair of Aries Cordero and Toshiro Obata, as both teams needed only two games to thwart their respective opponents.

Edralin and Farro were pitted against Kelvin and Julie Lee and coasted to a 21-12, 21-17 victory, while Cordero and Obata also swept Cheng Saturno and Vic Regis, 21-19, 21-13.

In the mixed doubles C, Han Cheol Yu and Christine Saplan finished off Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano in two games, 21-16, 21-14, to bag the first finals berth in the division. Mother and son Gigi and Raphael Zapanta took the free second finals ticket after getting a victory via forfeiture over Jeremy Montenejo and Nicole Malasarte.

Meanwhile, semis results in the men's and women's doubles will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

er and captain Gianluigi Buffon anchoring the Italians' defense. Only Buffon and Andrea Pirlo are the holdovers from the 2006 champion squad, but the La Squadra Azzurra have been injected with young blood in the past years, making the team a formidable force both on offense and defense.

Italy has the most titles among the three former champion squad in Group D, with four (1934, 1938, 1982, and 2006) and sent a strong message to other favorites in Brazil after a runner-up finish in the UEFA Euro 2012.

England had a near disastrous campaign in South Africa and is looking to make up for that so-so performance when it competes in Brazil. The Three Lions in 2012 and led the U.S. and Algeria in 2010 be-

fore avoiding an early exit with a 1-0 victory over Slovenia. England was eventually booted out in the Round of 16 by Germany, 4-1.

In a bid to bounce back from a disappointing finish in South Africa, England brought in a new coach in Rod Hodgson. The former Switzerland and Finland coach took over the reins at the Three Lions in 2012 and led the team to an undefeated record (6-4-0 win/draw/loss) in the qualifier and a first place finish in European Group H.

Wayne Rooney scored the most goals (seven) for England during the qualifying, making him still the focal point of the team's offense. He is likely to get help from Daniel Sturridge, who is one of the fast-rising attackers in the English Premier League.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	24	.586	—
New York	29	27	.518	4
Baltimore	28	27	.509	4½
Boston	27	30	.474	6½
Tampa Bay	23	35	.397	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	22	.585	—
Chicago	29	30	.492	5
Cleveland	28	30	.483	5½
Kansas City	27	30	.474	6
Minnesota	26	29	.473	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	35	22	.614	—
Los Angeles	30	26	.536	4½
Seattle	29	28	.509	6
Texas	29	28	.509	6
Houston	24	34	.414	11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	25	.554	—
Miami	29	28	.509	2½
New York	28	29	.491	3½
Washington	27	28	.491	3½
Philadelphia	24	31	.436	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	23	.603	—
St. Louis	30	28	.517	5
Pittsburgh	27	30	.474	7½
Cincinnati	26	29	.473	7½
Chicago	20	34	.370	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB

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Toka vs World in QQ League Finals

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Toka's Marvin Rabauliman is hounded by three JP World defenders in the paint.



Toka's Ezra Caro and JP World's Rolly Paraiso battle for the rebound during Game 1 of their best-of-three title series in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.



JP World's Jorge De Guzman attempts a tough shot against the outstretched arm of Toka's Ezra Caro.



JP World's Jun Estolas dribbles out of Toka defenders.

JP World's Juan Camacho drives against Toka defenders.



JP World's Gyles Ruluked goes for a baseline layup against two Toka defenders.



Toka's Jawn Joyner pulls up for a fall-away shot against JP World's Errol Peredo.



JP World's Freddie Pelisamen stretches for a layup versus Toka big man Jason Lampkin.



Toka's Preston Basa goes up for a floater against JP World's Errol Peredo.

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Island Manpower nips Pelicans



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San Antonio's Emerson Feria goes up for a shot against a phalanx of Maplas defenders during the first quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. San Antonio won, 92-79.

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Island Manpower outgunned the Pelicans in a shootout, eking out a 125-124 overtime win in the first game in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Cecilio Bisana top-scored for Island Manpower with his 32 points, but it was the triples of Ed Pangilinan in overtime that lifted the team to the close win. Pangilinan knocked in two treys in the extension period, including the go-ahead triple. The Island Manpower shooter also finished in twin digits with his 22 markers, while Jun Tabora was the third player on the team to record 20-plus points with his 24.

Tabora drilled Island Manpower's last 4 points in regulation, including two free throws to send the game in overtime. Island Manpower, which im-

proved to a 4-0 record, forced the standoff after coming back from an 82-98 deficit at the end of the third period. Bisana led the recovery, as he nailed 14 in the fourth period.

Bisana outgunned the entire Pelican's crew, who registered only 13 points after exploding for 33 and 38 points in the second and third quarters,

respectively. Trevor Oguromo led the Pelicans' losing cause, firing 34 markers, but he was held to only two free throws and had no field goal in the extra five minutes of play. The Pelicans dropped



to a 1-3 record.

In the second game, Docomo Pacific handed Shocker Nation its first loss in four games after cruising to a 95-79 victory.

Docomo (2-3) was still down by a deuce after the third frame, 63-65, when it caught Shocker Nation flatfooted in the pivotal final canto. Docomo more than doubled up Shocker Nation in scoring in the fourth period, 32-15, to waltz to the 16-point win.

James Villacrusis anchored Docomo's fourth-quarter attack, drilling 16 of his 30 points. Tony Diaz also sizzled in the fourth, opening the quarter with back-to-back triples and adding eight points to top-score for Docomo with 31.

Meanwhile, in last Sunday's double-header, Puerto Rico Bento and San Antonio won their respective games.

Puerto Rico barged into the win column after going 0-4, following a 109-100 victory over the winless Olivos Team (0-4). Six players scored in double figures for Puerto Rico with Joel Saplan leading his squad with

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Upset in mixed doubles A semis

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Ferdie Arago and Lanie Bartolome survived a down-to-the-wire semis clash against Hannah Choi and Glenn Bluitjens to barge into the finals of the mixed doubles A event in the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Arago and Bartolome dropped

the closely fought opening game, 22-24, but still walked away the winners after sweeping the last two, 21-18, 21-19, and stunned their top-ranked foes. Choi and Bluitjens were ranked first in Group 2 of the mixed doubles



A division, holding a perfect 4-0 record in the elimination round, while Arago and Bartolome finished second in Group 1 with its 3-1 record.

Bartolome and Arago pulled off an upset and came back from an 18-19 deficit after the latter scored the last three points in the match with his

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Ferdie Arago bends down for a backhand return, while teammate Lanie Bartolome stays near the net during the third set of their semis match against Hannah Choi and Glenn Bluitjens in the mixed doubles A division of the IT&E tournament last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Very competitive Group D

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With former champions Italy, Uruguay, and England in Group D, this bracket is surely a very competitive one.

Completing the group is Costa Rica, which is no pushover judging from its performance in the qualifying tournaments.

Uruguay, the top favorite in the group ranking-wise (No.6), won the World Cup twice (1930 and 1950), was fourth place in 2010 in South Africa, and was crowned champion in COPA America in 2011. Uruguay is hoping to end the long drought this year and interestingly its last victory in the World Cup was recorded in Brazil, the host of this month's competition. La Celeste stunned Brazil in the 1950 finals, 2-1.

Uruguay's chances of besting their fourth place finish the last time will be better if a healthy Luis Suarez comes back. The Liverpool striker was the leading scorer in the South American qualifier with 11 goals, however he went under the



considered one of the best playmakers in the North, Central American, and Caribbean zone.

While Costa Rica will be relying on Ruiz's play making skills, Italy will have goalkeep-

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